



**Media Statement – Outbreak at Stittsville Villa Retirement Residence – Stittsville**  
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Ottawa Public Health (OPH) declared an outbreak on October 3, after a staff member at Stittsville Villa Retirement Residence in Stittsville tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. All residents and staff will be tested in consultation with OPH. Note: the outbreak does not involve the residents or staff of the seniors apartments at Stittsville Manor.

We are working closely with Ottawa Public Health officials to implement pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored for symptoms twice daily and all staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the residence at all times.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at Stittsville Villa, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms frequently. We are also disinfecting high touch common areas at Stittsville Manor.

Residents are being served meals in their rooms. Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. All indoor and outdoor visits have been cancelled during the outbreak.

We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents and their families as we take these precautions. After the outbreak is resolved, we will notify families as soon as we are able to resume visits.

Revera continues to do everything we can to keep our residents and employees safe as we work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our retirement residences and long term care homes.