



**Media Statement – COVID-19 outbreak at Westside Long Term Care Home – Toronto
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On October 12, Toronto Public Health declared an outbreak at Westside Long Term Care Home in Toronto after three staff members tested positive for COVID-19 after surveillance testing. The employees are in self-isolation at home.

We are working closely with Toronto Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents have been placed in isolation and monitored closely for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at Westside, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms more frequently.

Residents will receive meals on trays in their rooms or in dining rooms restructured for physical distancing, allowing staff to provide supervision and assistance as required, per Public Health. Recreation programs are limited to one-on-one activities to maintain 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. Essential caregivers and essential visitors to palliative residents will continue.

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 long term care homes and retirement residences.