



**Media Statement – Update on Heartwood Long Term Care Home – Cornwall
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Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) has confirmed that two residents of Heartwood Long Term Care Home in Cornwall have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on October 1.

EOHU also confirmed that two staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Both staff members are at home in isolation.

We are working closely with EOHU officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Heartwood frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

All staff are screened at the beginning of their shifts and are being cohorted to work in assigned resident areas. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

At the direction of EOHU, all residents in the home are to remain in their rooms at all times. Recreation activities will continue on an individual basis to help maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

Most Heartwood residents and staff are now fully vaccinated. Vaccinations for the remaining residents and staff are ongoing

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of EOHU, general visits to the home are cancelled temporarily. Visits from essential caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families and we appreciate their patience and understanding as we put these precautions in place for the safety of our residents.

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.