



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Donway Place Retirement Residence – Toronto
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On September 5, Toronto Public Health confirmed that one resident and five employees of Donway Place Retirement Residence in Toronto have tested positive for COVID-19.

It is with great sadness that we confirm that the resident who tested positive passed away with COVID-19 on September 10. This is a heartbreaking loss for the staff and residents at Donway Place. We offer our deepest condolences to the family, friends and neighbours of the person we lost to the pandemic.

We are working with Toronto Public Health to conduct surveillance testing on residents and staff. So far, tests for 44 residents have been returned negative with a few tests pending. Staff tests came back negative as well. All the staff will be tested again this week as a precaution, at the recommendation of Toronto Public Health. Note: this outbreak does not involve the residents or staff of Don Mills Seniors Apartments.

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

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

To promote physical distancing, 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 Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.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. 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.

