



**Media Statement – Update on Northridge Long Term Care Home – Oakville  
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We received confirmation on August 31 that a staff member at Northridge Long Term Care Home in Oakville tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, Halton Region Public Health has declared one of the home's five resident areas, "Post House," to be in outbreak. The staff member is in self-isolation at home.

We are working closely with Halton Region Public Health officials and are following 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. Staff in affected home area are directed to wear full PPE (mask, eye protection, gowns, gloves). All other staff are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the home at all times.

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

We have adjusted our mealtime and recreation activities to promote physical distancing. We have structured our dining service to maximize physical distancing during mealtime while allowing the staff to provide supervision and assistance as required. Residents of the Post House area are in droplet precautions and are served meals in their rooms. Group recreation programs have been replaced by one-on-one activities to maintain social engagement.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak in the home area. At Public Health's direction, outdoor visits will be permitted for residents in the areas not affected by the outbreak, but outdoor visits for the Post House area residents have been discontinued for the duration of the outbreak. We will reach out to families of those residents as soon as we are able to resume visits. We appreciate their patience and understanding as we follow these precautions.

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.