



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Bay Ridges Long Term Care Home – Pickering
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

September 20, 2021

Durham Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Bay Ridges Long Term Care Home in Pickering on September 19 after one resident and one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is in isolation in the home. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. At the direction of public health, all residents on the affected home area were tested yesterday.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following strict pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms.

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.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Bay Ridges. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents on the affected home area are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

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

We are informing the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Although general visits are suspended, 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. We appreciate the patience and understanding of families as we put these precautions in place for the safety of the 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.