HHHS Confirms COVID-19 Outbreak Declared at Hyland Crest, Long-Term Care Home

As of January 31, 2021, Hyland Crest, Haliburton Highland Health Services' [HHHS] Long Term Care Home in Minden has been declared to be in a COVID-19 Outbreak by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Haliburton Highland Health Services has confirmed that 2 essential caregivers have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.   HHHS has been vigorously working with Public Health authorities in managing the situation and identifying anyone who may have been exposed to prevent further spread.

As per directives provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, stringent Infection Prevention and Control [IPAC] measures have been implemented in both HHHS Long-Term Care Homes since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. These measures include but are not limited to: ensuring staff work in only one LTC facility; actively screening all staff and essential visitors upon entry to the buildings; conducting regular surveillance testing of all LTC staff and residents; limiting visitors to only those deemed as 'essential caregivers' who must undergo regular COVID-19 testing; ensuring adequate supply and proper use of personal protective equipment at all times.

In addition to the above measures, Outbreak Protocols have been implemented to minimize potential spread at Hyland Crest. These measures include immediate testing of all residents and potentially exposed individuals; isolating any residents experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms; limiting admissions, readmissions, discharges or transfers at this time.

"We have been preparing for this possibility, knowing that even with the most rigorous infection prevention and control measures in place, COVID-19 is a very contagious virus. HHHS remains committed to providing the best care and support possible for residents and their families. We are grateful to our staff and management team for their extraordinary and continued vigilance in the implementation of protective measures and for the guidance and assistance we have received from our local Public Health unit and health service provider partners," says Carolyn Plummer, President and CEO of HHHS.

HHHS will continue to monitor these cases, work with Public Health Authorities and provide updates to the community to ensure COVID-19 is contained at Hyland Crest. HHHS is committed to providing transparency and a safe environment for residents and staff.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services including: Primary Care, Hospital (Acute Inpatient and Emergency Care) Long-Term Care, End-of-Life Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services and Community Support Services.