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***Hyland Crest Long Term Care Home COVID-19 Outbreak declared over.***

Today, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) received word from Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit that the COVID-19 Outbreak at Hyland Crest has been declared over. The Long-Term Care Home was declared to be in COVID-19 Outbreak January 31, 2021 when 2 essential caregivers tested positive in routine mandatory screening. All residents and staff at Hyland Crest have since been screened with no positive results.

“Obviously this is a tremendous relief for everyone and a strong testament to the efficacy of Infection Prevention and Control measures utilized by staff. All of the protocols we have put in place, and the diligence of staff in ensuring their implementation, are what prevented the spread to residents and staff. I have the utmost gratitude for the team at Hyland Crest and all of our staff across the organization,” said Carolyn Plummer, President & CEO.

HHHS will continue to closely monitor residents and continue with rigorous infection prevention measures. Staff and essential caregivers, who provide important physical and emotional support to long-term care residents, will continue to participate in mandatory screening as directed by the Ministry of Long-Term Care. Residents at Hyland Crest, who have been in isolation since the outbreak declaration, will now be able to resume socially distant activities within the home.

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