



Long Term Care Home

April 23, 2020

To: All Residents, Family Members
and Staff of Moira Place

Update on Staff Member on Leave Tests Positive for COVID-19

Just to keep you up-to-date, as a result of the positive test from our staff member on leave, as I communicated yesterday, the Hastings-Prince Edward Public Health Unit has declared that Moira Place is in a COVID-19 “outbreak”. **This is a precautionary step and no residents or staff currently working in the home have tested positive for COVID-19.**

“Outbreak” is a term that indicates the precautionary steps that must be taken, under the direction of Public Health. For us this is good news. *It means that it will speed up the testing of all of our residents and staff, which is something we have been looking forward to.* The testing began today.

As mentioned in my letter of April 22nd, the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 has not worked since April 8th, almost 15 days ago. We will continue the measures that we have in place to keep residents and staff safe, which include the following:

- We’ve had an ongoing respiratory outbreak in our Heritage Home Area since April 15th that is NOT COVID-19, **with 12 residents already tested.** All tests were negative for COVID-19.
- Since April 15th we have been cohorting our staff in Heritage and will continue with this course of action, to keep the current non-COVID-19 outbreak contained.
- On April 9th we adopted “Universal Masking” of all staff (immediately after the last day of work of the individual who tested positive).
- Since April 1st we have been taking the temperatures of all residents and all staff members twice each day, as a means to detect fever and the presence of COVID-19.

We will continue to take actions that promote the health and safety of our residents and team members as our first priority. We will contact residents / SDM’s with results once we receive resident results from Public Health. Staff can access their test results on the following website: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael O’Keefe,
Administrator