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Mount Forest, ON...North Wellington Health Care (NWHC), in consultation with Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, declared the COVID-19 outbreak at Caressant Care Arthur (CCA) Long-term Care Home over on March 2, 2021.

The outbreak was declared in December 2020, and the virus spread quickly throughout the long-term care home. There are no longer any active cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff.

At the request of Caressant Care, and through approval of the Ministry of Long-term Care, the hospital took over management of the home in mid-January and will continue to oversee operations until early April.

NWHC has worked with the home to proactively implement the following:

- Ensure all care needs of residents are being met
- Stop the COVID-19 outbreak
- Stabilize staffing
- Communicate to all families of Caressant Care residents
- Provide vaccinations to all residents and staff

“With the outbreak now over, CCA residents can start to resume normal day-to-day activities,” states Stephen Street, President and CEO, North Wellington Health Care. “I would like to thank the staff, physicians and our rural health care partners including Groves Memorial Community Hospital, EMS, Family Health Teams, Canadian Mental Health Agency, and Ontario Health for their assistance in responding to the outbreak. I would also like to thank the CCA residents for their patience and understanding while we worked with Public Health to navigate changes to their living environment.”

“I am so grateful to our staff, Wellington Healthcare Alliance, our families, and other care partners for coming together to help Caressant Care Arthur Nursing Home and our residents in this time of need,” says Jim Lavelle, President of Caressant Care Nursing and Retirement Homes LTD. “I also want to express my deepest sympathies to the families, and to the staff, who consider our Residents part of their extended family, on the passing of their loved ones. Now is the time to begin the healing process as we continue to care for our residents.”

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