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### **Caressant Care Arthur overcomes the COVID-19 outbreak**

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Caressant Care Nursing and Retirement Homes Ltd. and North Wellington Health Care (NWHC) are pleased to announce the conclusion of their voluntary management contract. The contract was signed in mid-January 2021 to help fight an outbreak at the Caressant Care Arthur Nursing home that started on December 26, 2020.

The outbreak was declared over by Public Health officials on March 2, 2021. This accomplishment was possible because of excellent teamwork and the comprehensive safety measures which Caressant Care had already put in place. It is also due to the tremendous support provided by the Public Health, the Waterloo-Wellington LHIN, and the NWHC who were there every step of the way to help the Home contain the spread of the virus.

Over the past few months, Caressant Care Arthur Nursing Home and NWHC worked collaboratively on enhancing infection prevention and control measures including:

- Increased housekeeping hours and staff
- Increasing hand sanitizer and glove stations throughout the facility
- Duct cleaning and replacing air handling units and air filters

The Home will also be replacing the present dated wood rails and installing new IPAC friendly plastic rails expected to be completed by the end of the year.

All basic rooms (4 beds) in the nursing home have been reduced to two residents according to the Ministry of Health directive.

The Home is very appreciative of the hard work of staff in overcoming the outbreak, the support of families, residents, and the community during the outbreak, and since the pandemic began.

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