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COVID-19 outbreak at Caressant Care Listowel Nursing Home declared over

Listowel, Ontario- Huron Perth Public Health Unit has declared Caressant Care Listowel Nursing Home out of outbreak today. No new infections have occurred over the past 14 days. However, the Retirement Home is still in active outbreak with two active staff case but no resident cases and no further deaths.

“In a rural setting, the hospital’s responsibility in meeting the health care needs of our community extends beyond the walls of the hospital,” says Karl Ellis, CEO of Listowel-Wingham Hospitals Alliance. “Along with health care partners in Huron and Perth, the Listowel-Wingham Hospitals Alliance recently provided support during an outbreak at Caressant Care in Listowel. We are pleased to see the end of the outbreak and remain committed to assisting health care providers in our community when requested.”

Caressant Care Listowel Long-term Care (LTC) home was declared in a COVID-19 outbreak on January 10, 2021. The home requested help from the Huron Perth Pandemic Leadership Triad, who engaged with Listowel-Wingham Hospitals Alliance and other care partners to help manage the outbreak. In the Nursing Home, a total of 43 residents and 27 staff became infected with COVID-19 during the outbreak. There were 14 deaths associated with COVID-19 on the nursing home side and 19 nursing home residents were sent to area hospitals. Ten residents were returned to the nursing home.

“It has been a long, difficult road for everyone at Caressant Care Listowel,” says Jim Lavelle, President of Caressant Care Nursing and Retirement Homes Ltd. “We are so pleased to see this outbreak end and can’t thank our care partners enough for their support and expertise that helped guide us through this difficult time. I also want to express my sincere condolences to families and staff, who consider our Residents part of their extended family, on the passing of their loved ones.”

Huron Public Health has advised the nursing home to lift the droplet precautions and slowly resume normal routines. All visits to the home, except on compassionate grounds, remain suspended.

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