

Cassellholme has been monitoring the coronavirus outbreak, COVID-19 regionally and globally. Due to the rapidly evolving transmission of COVID-19, Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health, has directed that all Long-Term Care Homes be closed to visitors until further notice. As such, Cassellholme will be closed to the public as of 4 p.m., today, Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Note, there will be exceptional circumstances under which visitors will be permitted and these situations will be identified by our Clinical Services team.

The Home is taking additional proactive measures to suspend the use of private care workers that attend the Home and understands that this decision will create concerns for families. To mitigate these concerns, we will increase our daily staffing compliments to ensure care levels are maintained and/or enhanced during this period. We believe the risk of not taking action is of greater concern to our residents and community.

Cassellholme will continue to align recommendations with and follow guidelines from the local, provincial and federal health authorities.

We will continue to update our website and signage, and re-assess our situation on a day to day basis. Questions and concerns shall be directed to Jamie Lowery, Chief Executive Officer, at 705-474-4250, ext. 233 or via email at [loweryj@cassellholme.on.ca](mailto:loweryj@cassellholme.on.ca).