

A Respiratory Outbreak has been upgraded to a COVID-19 outbreak at Cassellholme. During routine screening, tests revealed the presence of the virus in two Residents and two staff members. These Residents have been moved to Cassellholme's Isolation Unit and the staff members are isolating in their homes.

Angie Punnett, Associate Administrator, said "It's been through the tremendous efforts of our staff, families and the community that we have been saved from this type of outbreak to-date. Now, more than ever, we will need the help of our essential caregivers. They've been trained to handle this kind of situation and their support is tremendous".

The North Bay Parry Sound Public Health Unit and the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care are providing necessary supports to protect the Residents. It's important to note that most, if not all, Residents have received their third dose. We are scheduled to administer a fourth dose to Residents next week. Every precaution continues to be in place.

Actions taken to date:

- all at-risk Residents are being isolated as a precaution
- additional staff are being deployed to provide support to our Residents and staff
- new admissions to Cassellholme have been suspended
- all Residents are assessed daily for COVID symptoms
- staff are using required PPE and practising physical distancing within the Home
- visitor restrictions are in effect, with additional safety protocols in place

We will continue to update our website [cassellholme.ca] as the situation changes, or we receive further directives from Public Health.

Cassellholme is a 240-bed Long-Term Care Home located in North Bay Ontario. It was founded in 1923 and is well-known for its compassionate and Resident-focussed care.

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