

Public Notice

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Outbreak declared at St. Joseph's Long-Term Care Home

St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre Brantford has been notified by Brant County Health Unit that a member of our staff has tested positive for COVID-19. The safety and well-being of our residents, visitors and staff remains our first priority.

As a result of this positive case, Public Health has declared the home to be in Outbreak status. Please note that this staff member is not routinely in contact with residents.

While in Outbreak, the following safety measures will be implemented:

- Only one essential visitor per resident will be admitted onto residential floors at a time.
 Exceptions will be made on compassionate grounds and at the discretion of the clinical leadership team.
- In addition to staff testing currently in place, on the direction of Brant County Health Unit, resident swabbing will be implemented immediately.
- New admissions will be considered on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with Brant County Health Unit.
- Tray service will be implemented in residents' rooms where possible (as opposed to congregate dining).

St. Joseph's Long-Term Care Home has strong infection prevention and control measures in place that are aligned with Ministry of Health directives and guided by public health authorities.

We are working closely with Brant County Health Unit to protect our residents, staff and essential visitors. Thank you for your continued patience and support.