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FROM: David Wormald, President

RE: COVID-19 Update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre has been notified by the Dept. of Public Health that a member of our staff has tested positive for COVID-19. The safety and well-being of our residents, staff, and families remains our first priority.

Public health has now declared St. Joseph's Lifecare to be in Outbreak. In addition to our current infection prevention and control measures, to reduce the potential for further spread, we will be implementing the following additional outbreak protocols immediately:

- All non-essential activities will be discontinued.
- All new admissions and re-admissions will be suspended.
- Additional housekeeping infection prevention controls and practices will be implemented on all units.

"St. Joseph's has strong infection control processes 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 patients, residents and staff," added Mr. Wormald.

To ensure the health and safety of all residents, staff, and visitors, we ask for the understanding and cooperation of visitors while our staff continue to focus their attention on maintaining a safe environment for everyone. Visitors can assist with this by ensuring they are prepared to meet all visiting requirements before arriving at the home.