



**DATE:** November 9th, 2020

**FROM:** David Wormald, President

**RE: COVID-19 Update**

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## 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 advised that we have not been declared in Outbreak at this time, however, on their direction, we will be implementing the following Outbreak protocols immediately, to reduce the potential for further spread:

- All non-essential activities will be discontinued immediately.
- All short-stay absences and temporary absences will be suspended immediately.
- All general visitation will be cancelled immediately, with the exception of virtual and window visits.
- If a resident has been assigned two essential caregivers, only one essential caregiver will be permitted to visit until further notice.
- All new admissions and re-admissions will be suspended immediately.
- Additional housekeeping infection prevention controls and practices will be implemented immediately.

Our thoughts are with the employee and their loved ones," said David Wormald, President of St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre Brantford.

"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.