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**FROM:** David Wormald, President

**RE: COVID-19 Update**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **COVID-19 outbreak declared at St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre**

St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre has been notified by the Brant County Health Unit that a member of our staff has tested positive for COVID-19, putting our Long-Term Care home into Outbreak status. The safety and well-being of our residents, staff, and families remains our first priority.

As per the direction of public health, we have implemented the following Outbreak protocols to reduce the potential for further spread:

- All non-essential activities have been discontinued.
- All short-stay absences and temporary absences have been suspended.
- All general visitation has been cancelled, 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 have been suspended.
- Additional housekeeping infection prevention controls and practices have been implemented.

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.