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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **HASTINGS CENTENNIAL MANOR IN RESPIRATORY OUTBREAK – No confirmed COVID 19 infections present**

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Hastings County confirmed today that Hastings Centennial Manor is currently in a respiratory outbreak as per Ministry of Health and Public Health directives.

This respiratory outbreak is **not** as a result of a COVID 19 but rather a confirmed test of a respiratory infection within the home. Respiratory infections are common in long-term care facilities and employees are trained to manage such instances using approved infection control practices.

Swabbing is the common form of testing used to confirm the existence of a respiratory infection in long-term care homes and homes are required to remain in outbreak until the residents are clear of symptoms or no new resident presents with symptoms for 9 days.

Centennial Manor is following approved protocols when residents have tested positive for a respiratory infection which includes the use of personal protective equipment and infection control measures will be in place as per the Ministry of Health.

“Although the County of Hastings does not normally advise the public of outbreaks within our long-term care homes by press release, we felt that during this time of increased awareness due to the COVID-19 virus, we wanted our local community to know that our residents are being cared for by our professional and caring staff as always,” said Jim Pine, CAO.

“We continue to be amazed and heartened by the dedication of our long-term care employees that provide critical care to our residents every day in a very uncertain time. They are to be commended for their caring and dedication,” stated Warden Rick Phillips.

## Background

Hastings County operates 2 long-term care facilities – Hastings Manor, a 230-bed facility located in Belleville, and Centennial Manor, a 110-bed facility located in Bancroft.

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