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Lindsay nursing home reports 2 more deaths and 31 residents, 20 staff with COVID-19

Caressant Care McLaughlin Road Nursing Home remains deep in the heat of battle with virus that has claimed 11 lives to date

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Two more residents at Caressant Care McLaughlin Road Nursing Home have passed away as the Lindsay facility continues its fight against a COVID-19 outbreak that has infected a total of 85 residents and staff.

Caressant Care Nursing and Retirement Homes Ltd. communications and marketing

manager Stuart Oakley confirmed Monday (Feb. 8) that a total of 11 residents have died to date. Families have been contacted directly by the nursing home.

Oakley added that residents who have passed away have done so in the facility, not in hospital, per their wishes,

“Residents are transferred to hospital when their care needs exceed what can be provided in the home and is determined by the attending physician,” explained Oakley.

As of Monday, one resident has been transferred to hospital for additional care. The nursing home currently has 31 active resident cases and 20 active staff cases.

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Residents who are symptomatic and have tested positive are being kept isolated from those who have tested negative. The home also undergoes a deep clean several times a week. The facility hopes vaccination will begin as soon as possible for those who have consented and are not symptomatic. The process is being managed by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit that is still awaiting word on when additional supplies will be made available for the area.

The nursing home has been receiving assistance and support from the local Red Cross, Ross Memorial Hospital, health unit and Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to stay on top of housekeeping, infection control measures, and, where necessary, provide direct resident care. The Red Cross is also assisting with efforts to help keep residents connected to their families, who are encouraged, where possible, to stay in contact with loved ones either by phone or virtually as in-person visits are restricted.

Caressant Care’s retirement home on Mary Street has joined its long-term-care section in being declared out of outbreak.