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Lindsay long-term care home grieves loss of two more residents to COVID-19

Caressant Care McLaughlin Road Nursing Home reports 23 active resident cases and 12 active staff cases

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More lives have been lost as a Lindsay long-term care home continues to battle its way out of a COVID-19 outbreak.

Caressant Care McLaughlin Road Nursing Home reported two additional deaths on Wednesday (Feb. 10) for a total of 13 since the facility was declared in outbreak on Jan. 9 by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit after one initial

positive case of the virus.

The facility also reported a total of 23 active resident cases and 12 active staff cases. Dozens of previous positive cases have been resolved.

Caressant Care says that 41 residents received the first dose of the Moderna vaccine on Tuesday (Feb. 9) and staff have begun bathing residents – with strigent cleaning done between each bath – to “help residents feel better”.-The facility has also begun virtual visiting between families and residents, led by activity director Amber Cockburn. There is also a virtual Town Hall meeting planned for Thursday (Feb. 11) to provide an update on the situation and give opportunity for further questions.

Oakley also reported that concerns relating to the facility’s HVAC system being a possible contributor to the virus’ spread in the home from the first to second floor, despite extensive protocols being in place, have been resolved.

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“No link has been found to the HVAC system; we were simply looking at every possibility,” said Oakley adding new filters were installed on Monday (Feb. 8) as part of the regular maintenance schedule.

The nursing home continues to receive assistance and support from the local Red Cross, Ross Memorial Hospital - which is providing nurses, housekeepers and an environmental services manager – the health unit and Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

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

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