

HAWTHORNE PLACE CARE CENTRE: UPDATE TO STAFF

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Today is Tuesday, June 16th, and this is Gale Coburn, Executive Director, calling with a COVID-19 update.

I must begin my call today with the sad news that a resident who had been in hospital for several weeks has passed away due to COVID-19. We extend our thoughts and sympathies to their loved ones.

We are continuing to make positive progress here at Hawthorne Place. While we anticipate the home as being declared outbreak free soon, this does not change how vigilant we must remain with infection prevention protocols, including staff testing. We are very pleased that several staff members have been able to come back to work in the last few days and we look forward to other returning when cleared by Public Health.

The progress we are experiencing means that we can turn our attention to safely and carefully re-introducing visitors. I know everyone is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to resume in-person visits and we are developing a plan to ensure a safe and thoughtful process once our outbreak is officially over. This Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day, and we have communicated with families that virtual visits are available to celebrate with their loved one.

Lastly, a significant change you will be hearing more about this week is the involvement of North York General Hospital in providing temporary management services at Hawthorne Place Care Centre. As you know they have been with us for the past few weeks to support our COVID-19 efforts. North York General will be sending a letter to staff outlining their role at Hawthorne Place.

My next update will be on Friday, June 19th, unless there are any changes to report sooner. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information. Thank you for your ongoing dedication, it has been essential to getting us to this new phase of recovery.

Have a good week.