

## **HAWTHORNE PLACE CARE CENTRE: UPDATE TO STAFF**

June 17, 2020

Today is Wednesday, June 17th, and this is Gale Coburn, Executive Director, calling with a COVID-19 update.

I know you may not have been expecting another update so soon, but I wanted to share the news that Public Health has declared Hawthorne Place Care Centre outbreak free. This is an important milestone for staff and residents. It means we can begin to look at our recovery plan and understand what our new normal will look like.

The challenges of the recent weeks are still very much fresh in our minds, which is why we can't lose sight of what it took to stamp out the COVID-19 outbreak at Hawthorne. The importance of following all infection prevention protocols is essential to protecting staff and residents from the spread of COVID-19. We urge staff to maintain safety measures outside of work as well. Washing hands frequently, wearing a mask and maintaining physical distancing.

Your hard work has helped get us to this point. Thank you for collaborating so well with the CAF and most recently, North York General Hospital, this has truly been a team effort. There is still much work to do, but we have turned an important corner.

In the next few days a letter from North York General Hospital, which will outline their role at Hawthorne Place Care Centre, will be distributed. They will also be hosting two virtual town hall sessions for staff to give everyone an opportunity to attend. The first town hall will be held on Monday, June 22 at 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and a second town hall on Tuesday, June 23 at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The details of the letter and town hall will also be available on the Hawthorne website at [www dot Hawthorne Place Care Centre dot C-A](http://www.HawthornePlaceCareCentre.com), under staff resources.

My next update was planned for Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, but unless there are any changes to report, it is likely that I will reach out again next week. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Have a great week.