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Highland Wood Long Term Care Home COVID-19 Outbreak declared over.

Haliburton Highland Health Services [HHHS] received notification today that the Highland Wood COVID-19 Outbreak was declared over by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit [HKPRDHU]. The Outbreak status was declared March 16, 2021 when two staff members received positive results from surveillance testing. The staff members who received positive test results were reswabbed as per protocol and both received negative results today.

HKPRDHU opted to take a conservative approach with the positive results yesterday given the increase in positive cases currently in our community. “We appreciate this cautious approach to ensure the safety of our residents,” says Carolyn Plummer President and CEO of HHHS. Highland Wood residents were all swabbed yesterday as directed by HKPRDHU and these results have all been reported as negative as well. With these negative results, HKPRDHU re-evaluated the status of the outbreak and determined that Highland Wood no longer met the criteria for outbreak.

HHHS will continue to closely monitor residents and continue with rigorous infection prevention measures. Out of an abundance of caution the two staff members will continue to self-isolate for 14 days and screening frequency will be increased for all Highland Wood staff and essential caregivers, who provide important physical and emotional support to long-term care residents. Residents will now be able to resume socially distant activities within the home.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services including: Primary Care, Hospital (Acute Inpatient and Emergency Care) Long-Term Care, End-of-Life Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services and Community Support Services.