



**Lakeridge  
Health**

## **Media Statement – December 4, 2020**

### **Lakeridge Health Assumes Temporary Management of Sunnycrest Nursing Home and Continues to Deliver Additional Care Support to Durham Region Long-Term Care Homes**

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lakeridge Health assumed temporary management of Sunnycrest Nursing Home in Whitby, Ontario, through a Voluntary Management Contract, approved by the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC).

Working in partnership with the Sunnycrest Nursing Home team and the Region of Durham Paramedic Services, Lakeridge Health's top priority is to stabilize the care for residents, provide support and training for staff, ensure adherence to proper infection prevention and control (IPAC) protocols, and keep families informed about their loved ones.

Lakeridge Health will be responsible for the home for a minimum of 90-days to immediately respond to a residence-wide COVID-19 outbreak and manage all other home operations.

The Lakeridge Health team has extensive expertise and an unwavering commitment to responding to communicable disease outbreaks in both the acute care and long-term care settings. This includes significant experience managing COVID-19 outbreaks, as well as caring for Durham residents who have contracted the virus.

The on-site team at Sunnycrest includes physicians, nurses, personal support workers, IPAC experts, occupational health and safety professionals, clinical educators, environmental services staff, and communications and patient experience representatives, all of whom are focused on supporting residents, families and the Sunnycrest team.

Sunnycrest's President has committed to providing the organization's full support to the Lakeridge Health team throughout this transition and management of the outbreak.

Lakeridge Health is also working in collaboration with public health and the leadership at other long-term care facilities in Durham Region, which are in outbreak, to provide IPAC support and expertise, as required.

## Quotes

“The Lakeridge Health team is committed to supporting our community to aggressively and successfully respond to COVID-19 to decrease the effects of this horrible disease. Our expert team is on the ground at the home, and is actively responding to, and managing, this outbreak with the help and support of our health care partners and the Sunnycrest Nursing Home team.

**Susan deRyk, Interim President & CEO, Lakeridge Health**

“Sunnycrest Nursing Home is grateful for the assistance that Lakeridge Health’s medical and clinical professionals are offering to our residents and staff in this time of need. Our focus remains on providing our residents with the best possible care and will work alongside Lakeridge Health’s expert team to end this outbreak as quickly as possible.”

**Candace Lewis, President, Sunnycrest Nursing Home**

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