

**Outbreak declared over at Kirkland Lake Extendicare
January 20, 2021 – For immediate release**

On January 20, 2021, Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health and CEO for the Timiskaming Health Unit, declared the outbreak of COVID-19 at Kirkland Lake Extendicare over.

Ministry direction requires an outbreak be declared when a single case is confirmed in a resident or staff member. An outbreak is declared over when there are no new cases in residents or staff after 14 days (maximum incubation period) from the latest of: date of isolation of the last resident case; or date of illness onset of the last resident case; or date of last shift at work for last staff case.

“As of today, we are declaring the outbreak over,” said Dr. Corneil. “We have worked closely with Kirkland Lake Extendicare, Kirkland and District Hospital, the Ministry of Long-Term Care, and Ontario Health – North to ensure that all necessary measures were taken. The outbreak was controlled and the potential for substantial spread of COVID-19 was averted.”

The province of Ontario is currently in lockdown. District residents need to stay home except for essential travel and especially need to avoid social gatherings.

District residents are reminded to:

- Continue practicing physical distancing
- Wear a mask or face covering in public indoor spaces
- Wash hands with warm water or use alcohol based sanitizers and do not touch your face
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Gatherings with people outside of your household are prohibited under lockdown
- Avoid non-essential travel within and outside of our district, especially to high transmission areas
- Stay home if unwell and contact your local Assessment Centre (AC) to schedule an appointment for testing
- Respect public health and any additional safety measures businesses have put in place
- Reach out to vulnerable people in your community who may need support

For more information on COVID-19, www.timiskaminghu.com and the [Ontario Coronavirus website](#).

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