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HASTINGS MANOR COVID19 OUTBREAK OVER

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Hastings County has been advised by Hastings Prince Edward Public Health that Hastings Manor in the City of Belleville has been **removed** from the list of facilities identified as being in COVID-19 outbreak.

"We commend the staff of Hastings Manor for their thorough response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak" says Dr. Alexa Caturay, Public Health Physician at Hastings Prince Edward Public Health. "By implementing appropriate public health measures such as proactive testing of asymptomatic patients and outbreak management protocols, staff at the facility helped limit the spread of the virus."

"This is great news. It's something we have been working so hard towards over these past 6 weeks and it is a testament to the incredible team members that we have at Hastings Manor. It has been hard on our residents and their families and it has been hard on our team members but together we have reached an important milestone," said County Warden Rick Phillips.

"Letting our residents and their power of care representatives know the good news was truly a happy moment for us all. We were hopeful this moment would come and it has," stated Debbie Rollins, the County's Director of Long Term Care.

"It is important however to know that it will not be 'business as usual' at the Manor," added Phillips. "Keeping our residents safe will still be our first priority. Today's decision by Public Health does allow our senior leadership team to now actively begin planning

on how we can re-introduce some forms of communal activities that supports our resident's social needs while safeguarding their health," added Phillips.

"Measures like physical distancing, the use of proper personal protective equipment, following provincial guidelines and continued active screening will all be part of the approach,' said Councillor Paul Jenkins, Chair of the Joint Long-term Care Committee of the County. "We are going to take this carefully and thoughtfully and look forward to re-engaging with all of our key stakeholders at the Manor, including Residents' Council, the Manor Auxiliary, Foundation and Family Council," Jenkins added.

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