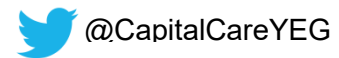


September 8, 2020



COVID-19 Outbreak at Dickinsfield Ends Without Further Spread

A facility-wide outbreak at CapitalCare Dickinsfield was lifted Saturday September 5, 2020. The outbreak was declared August 14 after three staff members and one student tested positive for COVID-19. Asymptomatic testing of residents and staff confirmed no new cases in any resident. Visitation resumed in stages as each neighbourhood came off isolation.

[CapitalCare Dickinsfield](#) is home to 275 people who need long-term care. We are grateful to our hardworking staff who worked tirelessly around the clock to keep our residents safe and support visitation with their loved ones during this outbreak. We are confident in our ability to prevent spread of community-acquired COVID-19 to residents across our organization.

- **Background:**
Staff and students who were ill acquired COVID-19 in the community. The first staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 last worked at Dickinsfield August 8. The second staff member has not been at the centre since August 6. The third staff member last worked August 13, had no symptoms, and was discovered to be COVID-19 positive during centre asymptomatic swabbing. The student was also discovered through centre asymptomatic swabbing. Staff members and the student isolated at home and did not present an ongoing risk to the facility.
- We enacted our comprehensive COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan, including quickly identifying cases, putting infection prevention measures into place, and following public health guidance, and notified residents and families as soon as we got confirmation of the first COVID-19 positive result August 12.
- We tested asymptomatic residents and staff who consented to it and all residents tested negative.
- We resumed visitation by Designated Support Persons in stages as neighbourhoods came off isolation.

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