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Thunder Bay District
Health Unit

COVID-19 Outbreak Declared at The Walford Thunder Bay

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) and The Walford Thunder Bay have declared an outbreak at the retirement home located in Thunder Bay.

One staff member was recently confirmed to have COVID-19. Consistent with provincial guidelines, the outbreak declaration for COVID-19 in a retirement home is made when one staff or resident is found to be positive for COVID-19. This low threshold for declaring an outbreak ensures that outbreak management measures, including increased infection prevention and control practices, can be put in place swiftly to contain any further spread. At this time, there is no evidence that any spread of the virus has occurred at the facility.

In collaboration with the Walford Thunder Bay, TBDHU has initiated a thorough assessment of the situation, including enhanced surveillance and testing activities and on-site inspection. Further measures will be taken as needed to manage this situation.

For additional information about COVID-19 and the TBDHU area, please see the [TBDHU Website](#).

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