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Maple View Lodge residents test negative for COVID-19

Maple View Lodge Acting Administrator Tracy Jordan confirmed today the facility is no longer listed as having a “respiratory outbreak.”

Four residents of the long-term care facility in Athens who last week were exhibiting one or more respiratory symptoms have since been tested. The results were negative for COVID-19.

“This is very good news,” Ms. Jordan said, adding Maple View Lodge continues to meet and exceed provincial COVID-19 directives for long-term care facilities.

“Our respiratory outbreak was of unknown origin and ended yesterday, April 14th. We are COVID-19 negative. Previously we were declared positive for Influenza ‘A’ via quick test results. The longer lab results came back as negative,” she said.

Maple View Lodge, which is operated by the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, has implemented enhanced monitoring and screening of all residents during this COVID-19 pandemic. They watch for anyone with a fever, onset of a new or exacerbated cough, and all other COVID-19 symptoms.

Workers at the Athens-area facility do not work in other care settings, including hospital, retirement or long-term care homes, Ms. Jordan noted. The province announced today health care workers who currently work at more than one facility are not to do so over the next two weeks to curb the spread of the virus.

“The health and safety of our residents, and the team members who serve them, is our highest priority,” said United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Warden Pat Sayeau.

Warden Sayeau declared a State of Emergency April 8th for the entire Leeds Grenville region.

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The Municipal Emergency Control Group's (MECG) fourth meeting was held Tuesday. Updates on the COVID-19 pandemic were heard from Maple View Lodge as well as from Leeds and Grenville OPP officials, Fire Service, Counties Paramedic Service, Community and Social Services, Public Works and Finance departments.

Emergency Responders Given Access to Information Regarding Positive Cases

The Ontario government has granted emergency services, including Police, Fire and Paramedic Services, access to information related to individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. Emergency services can use this information to inform their frontline personnel of situations where additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) will be required in order to assist.

Leeds Grenville citizens continue to be asked to:

- Maintain six-foot separation distances – at all times
- Avoid all gathering of groups larger than five – whether family or not
- Shelter at home, venturing out only for necessities
- Do not travel – essential travel only

The Municipal Emergency Control Group is scheduled to meet again next Monday, April 20, or sooner if required.

Visit the dedicated COVID-19 [Counties webpage](#) to learn more about continuation of Counties services.

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