Interior Health declares outbreak over at Brocklehurst Gemstone Care Centre

KAMLOOPS – Interior Health has declared the COVID-19 outbreak over at Brocklehurst Gemstone Care Centre, a long-term care home in Kamloops.

"I want to thank all staff for their dedication during this challenging outbreak and for everything they did to bring it to a close," said Susan Brown, Interior Health president and CEO. "I extend our sincere sympathies to the families of the loved ones of those who passed away during the outbreak."

An outbreak is declared over when two incubation periods, or 28 days, have passed from the last onset of symptoms in a resident.

"We are pleased to declare another COVID-19 outbreak over," said Dr. Albert de Villiers, chief medical health officer. "As COVID-19 vaccination continues to roll out, we will be able to protect more of our most vulnerable members of our communities and prevent ongoing outbreaks in the future."

There were 32 cases of COVID-19 linked to the outbreak at Gemstone: 24 residents and eight staff members. Sadly, two individuals in care passed away due to their illness.

Gemstone is privately operated by Trellis Seniors Services Ltc., with125 publicly funded beds and five private long term care beds.

Interior Health has frequently updated COVID-19 information on our public website www.interiorhealth.ca

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