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Statement: Altamont Care Community welcomes federal military assistance

Altamont Care Community today announced it will receive assistance from Canadian military health care workers to work alongside the dedicated Altamont team in providing the care and services residents need.

The Altamont residents, families and team have been particularly hard hit by COVID-19 and the team has been doing truly heroic work to contain it for the past several weeks. We want to thank the Federal Government for offering these valuable resources, as well as Premier Ford and the Government of Ontario for their strong leadership and support for long term care, which is at the centre of the pandemic in Ontario. The additional resources will be helpful as we collectively strive to care for and protect residents during this crisis.

We are facing an unprecedented situation as COVID-19 disproportionately targets the vulnerable residents that we care so deeply for. Maintaining staffing levels has been a significant challenge and we are tremendously grateful for the support we have received from health partners including Ontario Health East, the Scarborough Health Network (SHN) and the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO).

The Scarborough Health Network is providing extensive expertise and much needed staffing resources and we are in the process of bringing on additional nursing and personal support workers through the RNAO.

We are appreciative of all of the support and are confident that we will be successful in this fight against COVID-19.