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**Yee Hong residents all negative for COVID-19**

SCARBOROUGH – Public health authorities confirmed Yee Hong seniors and staff are COVID-free in four long-term care homes. A total of 1698 test swabs were taken at four locations between May 4 and May 18 to confirm our residents are healthy and safe from the virus.

Yee Hong undertook comprehensive testing in all four long-term care homes in conjunction with the local health units. We are very pleased to share with families and friends that the Mississauga, Markham, Scarborough-McNicoll and Scarborough-Finch Centres are confirmed to have no residents with COVID-19. This examination is according to the government directive to test all residents and staff.

A total of 769 residents and 929 staff across all four Yee Hong homes gave a test sample over the two-week test period, and all were negative for the virus. Two employees identified in March with the virus were quarantined at home to prevent spread, and one of them has already returned to work in good health. Our test results confirm that proactive measures we implemented in our long-term care homes are working.

Unfortunately the COVID-19 virus is not going away soon and it continues to circulate in the community. As Ontario relaxes its containment measures we must remain vigilant in our fight to prevent the spread of virus and keep our long-term care homes safe for everyone.

Our policies will be reviewed as conditions change locally, and our protocols remain in place to actively screen everyone entering Yee Hong buildings to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. Please consult <https://www.yeehong.com/covid-19/> for the latest information about building access, schedules, and safety provisions.



Nurses of a mobile team from Scarborough Health Network collecting swabs from staff at Yee Hong Finch Centre

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