



INTERNAL MESSAGE

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On March 11th we invite all members of the Riverside Team and our Partners to #RememberToPause and reflect on the first anniversary of COVID-19. Please view the heartfelt video prepared by Critical Care Services Ontario in memory of the past year. The anniversary date is based on the initial date the World Health Organization announced COVID-19 as a global pandemic.

From those delivering direct care to patients, residents and clients to our Board of Directors, we ask that you take a moment to reflect on the commitment and compassion demonstrated by Health Care staff across the district that have strived day after day, in the direct path of this pandemic, to provide quality care to those we serve.

As we pause to remember the past year, it is important to acknowledge the difficulties and trauma experienced by those across our health care community. Fear of infection, every changing restriction impacting our work and personal lives, increasing loss of human life resulting from the pandemic and the ongoing emotional impact of being separated from family and close friends. The collective impact that COVID-19 continues to have on our lives is staggering and our continued responsibilities make it difficult to find the space for us to pause, reflect and grieve.

On Thursday we will mark the first anniversary of COVID-19 with a collective pause to reflect on the past year. We encourage everyone to remember that we are not alone, we are collectively going through this experience and it is critical we give ourselves the necessary time to heal and recover.

Please take a personal moment of silence on Thursday, March 11th, to remember the first anniversary of COVID-19.

We should all be proud of the resilience that our Riverside Team has demonstrated over the past year. Please join us by taking a moment to reflect and acknowledge the efforts of those around us and ourselves, as well as health care partners across the district, and worldwide.

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President & CEO

VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/7fB41eHCGXM>

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