

Riverside COVID Response Update
Rainycrest Outbreak and Vaccinations

The Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) has declared a COVID-19 outbreak at Rainycrest Long Term Care Home as a result of two (2) staff members testing positive. In addition to the protocols instituted by the NWHU related to close contacts of these individuals, we are implementing additional precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Home continues to test staff every 7 days, with the introduction of Rapid Antigen Testing scheduled for the week of March 1, 2021, this frequency will increase to twice weekly at minimum. Rainycrest will test all residents in the Home immediately. Visitation is now restricted, with the only exception being for palliative residents. These measures are necessary to protect all residents and staff of the Home. Riverside Health Care (Rainycrest) and the Northwestern Health Unit continue to work collaboratively to address the current outbreak.

We have been informed that vaccines for consenting long-term care residents and staff, and priority hospital staff will begin to arrive in Emo, Rainy River and Fort Frances during the week of March 1st.

Our Riverside Team appreciates the continued support of residents, patients, clients, families, staff, physicians, and our Board as we navigate the ever changing landscape of COVID-19.

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Riverside Health Care is a fully accredited multi-site, multi-function health care system serving the residents of the Rainy River District. Riverside Health Care operates hospitals in Fort Frances, Emo and Rainy River, and Rainycrest Long-Term Care Home and La Verendrye Non Profit Supportive Housing in Fort Frances. Each community is also served by Riverside Community Counselling which provides mental health and addictions services, Community Support Services through Rainycrest and Riverside Valley Diabetes Education Centre which provides important chronic disease management programming. For more information, please visit riversidehealthcare.ca