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Riverside Implements New Travel Restriction for Long-Term Care Visitors

Riverside continues to implement measures at our long-term care sites to help keep residents, their loved ones and our staff safe during this COVID-19 global pandemic.

Effective Wednesday, November 18, 2020, and until further notice, anyone who has travelled outside of Northern Ontario (Parry Sound to the Manitoba border) within the past 14 days are subject to new restrictions prior to entering any Riverside Long-Term Care facility.

Visitors who have travelled to or stopped at any Urban Centre (a community with more than 30,000 residents) in Canada but outside of Northern Ontario will now be required to isolate for 7 days prior to visiting, and then wear a level 3 mask provided by the home for another 7 days when visiting.

Those who have travelled to only Rural Centre's (any community with less than 30,000 residents) in Canada but outside of Northern Ontario will be required to wear a level 3 mask provided by the home for 14 days while visiting.

Visitors who have travelled outside of Canada remain subject to a 14 day isolation prior to visiting.

All visitors must complete screening questions and temperature checks prior to entering a facility, and continue to attest to a COVID-19 negative test result on the previous established 2 week cycle.

Virtual visits remain available with our residents when in-person visiting is not safe or limited.

"The decision to implement travel restrictions on visitors in our long-term care homes was made after careful consideration and we ask for your understanding as we navigate these changes." said Riverside Vice President, Clinical Services & CNE, Julie Loveday. "We will continue to take the necessary steps to keep our residents and staff safe. We remind everyone to practice proper hand hygiene, wear a cloth mask when out in public, practice physical distancing and if you are ill or feeling sick please stay home. We also continue to urge everyone to not travel outside of Northern Ontario unless it is essential. We're counting on the community to help slow the spread of COVID-19."

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