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Riverside Resumes Elective Services

Recently the Ministry lifted its directive which restricted non-emergent/non-urgent elective surgeries and procedures. Acting on guidance released from the Province, Riverside Health Care is moving forward with a locally developed and regionally supported plan to gradually resume non-emergent/ non-urgent surgeries and procedures, effective, Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Riverside's surgical booking team will be contacting patients directly to reschedule their procedures. While we understand patients are anxious to have their postponed procedures rescheduled, we remind patients to refrain from contacting the hospital so that booking services may focus on confirming appointments through a coordinated follow up plan.

In developing a plan for the restoration of services, all provincial hospitals are using an ethical framework designed to prioritize patient care. In addition, Ontario Health has made it clear that only hospitals that meet specific criteria may cautiously begin resuming non-emergent and non-urgent surgeries and procedures. Riverside continues to provide emergent and urgent surgical care as we have continued to do throughout this pandemic. The pandemic is not over, we have simply entered a new phase, and we are remaining vigilant in our practices and asking everyone else to do the same.

“At Riverside, our team recognizes our resilience and proactive approach are central to continuing to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. Please be patient while we take the steps necessary to continue a safe approach to gradually and cautiously resume non-urgent and non-emergent surgeries while continuing to address the needs of all of our patients. The health and safety of patients, staff, physicians and the public remains our top priority.” said President and CEO, Henry Gauthier

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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 and Riverside Valley Diabetes Education Centre which provides important chronic disease management programming. For more information, please visit riversidehealthcare.ca