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Riverside Health Care in conjunction with the Northwestern Health Unit has declared the Respiratory Outbreak at Rainy River Health Centre over.

Riverside continues to have our detailed safety procedures and infection prevention control practices in place, which are designed to ensure the health and safety of our staff, the community and those within our care.

To ensure safety for residents, the following visitation requirements for Long Term Care remain in place:

- Access to long-term care homes by general visitors will be paused, including for outdoor visits.
   General visitors will continue to be permitted to enter the home to visit residents receiving end of life care.
- Day absences for all residents for social purposes will be paused. All essential, medical or compassionate absences will continue to be permitted.
- Designated caregivers continue to be able to come into homes with a maximum of two per resident at a time.

Through the dedication, co-operation, and perseverance of staff at Rainy River Health Centre and across our organization, the outbreak was resolved with minimal impact to the staff and residents.

We recognize how emotionally difficult and challenging this pandemic has been on our residents and their loved ones.

We thank everyone for their understanding and continued support as we continue to develop a coordinated, evidence-based and equitable approach in providing safe, quality and timely care to those we serve.

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