

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MAY 8, 2020

# **COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing Riverside Assessment Centre**

Starting May 11 Riverside's COVID-19 Assessment Centre in Fort Frances will offer Drive-Thru testing for COVID-19 for those exhibiting symptoms. This form of testing will be completed while you remain in your vehicle, similar to any drive-thru service.

"With recent asymptomatic testing of residents and staff across Riverside Health Care, the drive-thru testing of symptomatic individuals allows us to improve access through increased convenience" said Julie Loveday, Vice President of Clinical Services & CNE.

Patients with any of the following symptoms are required to call Riverside's COVID-19 Assessment Center at (807)274-3261 ext. 4913 to book an appointment. Drive-thru swab testing is **by appointment only**. Please have your Health Card ready when booking your appointment.

Symptoms which have been most commonly associated with COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- New onset or worsening fatigue
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Runny Nose, sneezing or nasal congestion
- Shortness of Breath\*

- Sore throat/hoarse voice
- New onset or worsening cough
- Pink eye
- Loss of appetite/Difficulty Swallowing
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea or Abdominal Pain

## **COVID-19 Drive-Thru Assessment Centre**

Community: Fort Frances

**Location**: Community Counselling Building (206 Victoria Avenue)

Traffic flow off Sinclair Street and around corner to Victoria Street

**Drive-Thru**: entrance. On-site directions will be given, and on street parking spots are

marked.

Hours: Open Monday May 11 – Sunday May 17 (8:00am till 4:00pm)

The health and safety of all staff, physicians, residents, clients, patients, families and visitors remains Riverside's continued focus and priority, not just in response to COVID-19, but at all times for our organization.

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<sup>\*</sup>If you are having difficulty breathing or experiencing other severe symptoms, call 911 immediately. Advise them of your symptoms and travel history.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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### Reference:

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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