



## **Status Update: Rainvcrest COVID-19 Outbreak**

Riverside Health Care has become aware of one (1) new resident positive case within Rainycrest Long Term Care Home.

The Northwestern Health Unit declared a COVID-19 outbreak at Rainycrest as a result of one (1) resident testing positive, on January 2, 2021. Subsequent surveillance testing resulted in an additional resident positive on January 9, 2021. With today's announcement a total of three residents have tested positive, one case is resolved. As part of their 7-day testing schedule no staff members have tested positive.

The outbreak remains in effect.

We are supporting, monitoring and working with all Rainycrest staff, to consistently reinforce all infection prevention and control protocols. The home continues to adhere to strong cohort measures for both residents and staff. All necessary precautions are being taken, along with internal contact tracing measures.

The restriction of permitting ONLY a palliative visitor to the Home continues until further notice. This along with our added protective measures will enhance the Home's ability to reduce the risk of transmission at this time.

Our team at Rainycrest continues to follow all guidelines of the Ministry of Long Term Care and Public Health directives to ensure everyone's safety. We remain vigilant in our proactive measures required to continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the home.

Riverside acknowledges how emotionally difficult and challenging this news is. We assure you the care and safety of our residents, team members and families remain a top priority.

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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