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Riverside Vaccination Clinics Held for Residents, Health-care Workers and Caregivers

As part of Ontario's three-phase vaccine implementation plan, Riverside's long-term care (LTC) residents who completed consents received their first dose of the Moderna vaccination in January. Over the past two days, residents at Rainycrest Long Term Care, Emo Health Centre, and Rainy River Health Centre began receiving second dose vaccinations.

Our consenting long-term care staff, essential caregivers and 'highest priority health care workers' as designated by provincial health guidelines, began receiving their first dose of Moderna vaccinations March $2^{nd} - 4^{th}$ from Fort Frances to Rainy River.

Following their first COVID-19 vaccine dose Dr. Lorena Jenks remarked, "Everyone should get the COVID-19 vaccine; including the expectant mother," and Dr. Marc Ruppenstein added, "Trust the science."

We look forward to additional vaccines being provided across our District to diminish the risk of the pandemic to our communities.

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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