



PRESS RELEASE

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NSHN Long-Term Care COVID-19 Outbreak

Blind River, ON: As part of ongoing, proactive surveillance and case finding, COVID-19 has been confirmed in the Long-Term Care Unit of the North Shore Health Network (NSHN) located in Blind River. As a result, Algoma Public Health (APH) is declaring an outbreak.

NSHN is working closely with APH to take actions to keep workers, providers, patients, and visitors safe including monitoring all patients for new symptoms, closing the unit to new admissions, and implementing visiting restrictions.

Effective immediately, the following precautions are in place for for the Long-Term Care Home:

- All Residents continue to be monitored for new symptoms.
- Visitors are required to wear a medical mask at all times, and to perform hand hygiene upon entry and exit.
- Visits are limited to one resident at a time, in their room.

It is recommended that all non-essential visits be rescheduled to a later date. All visitors should consider their personal health in determining whether visiting is appropriate. Visitors exhibiting signs of influenza-like illness (fever, cough, difficulty breathing, runny nose, sneezing, etc.) will be encouraged not to visit. For information about Virtual Visiting options please contact the Long-Term Care Recreation Team at 705-356-2265 ext. 2351.

The North Shore Health Network will continue to provide updates on the status of the outbreak. Thank you for your understanding and for treating our workers with kindness and respect.

For more information on COVID-19 and what to do if you have symptoms, please visit Algoma Public Health's website here: <https://www.algomapublichealth.com/disease-and-illness/infectious-diseases/covid-19/>

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