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## **Working together to care for our communities**

*Kenora, ON, March 1, 2021* – The Kenora area has experienced a high number of new COVID-19 cases in recent weeks, this is understandably unnerving to many of us. However, the public can be assured that healthcare providers and other sectors are collaborating to ensure public safety and to fight the recent outbreak situation. Multiple partners are working together in prevention efforts, testing coordination, transportation, patient care, isolation, patient pathways, vaccination delivery and other supports as needed. As a result, we have not seen a high number of cases admitted to the hospital.

LWDH endeavors to provide safe, efficient and compassionate service to all patients regardless of their home community, race, age or gender. All those who require urgent health care will always receive it at our hospital.

Anyone entering the hospital will be screened in an effort to manage risk and to ensure the safety of all patients, staff and visitors. Screening involves having your temperature taken and answering the following questions:

- Have you travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days or have you travelled outside of Northwestern Ontario (including travel to Thunder Bay) within the last 7 days?
- In the last 14 days have you had close contact without appropriate PPE with anyone with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 or an acute respiratory infection?
- In the last 14 days have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a lab test or are you waiting for results of a lab test for COVID-19?
- Are you experiencing one of the following new or worsening symptoms that is different from baseline health status: fever, cough, difficulty breathing symptoms, sore throat, fatigue, chills, change in sense of smell/taste, runny nose, nasal congestion, gastrointestinal symptoms, muscle aches, headache, conjunctivitis and / or difficulty swallowing.
- In the last 3 weeks have you been directed by any health authority to be in self isolation?

LWDH encourages you to continue to do what you can to limit the risk of spread:

- Wash your hands often;
- Wear a mask in public places and around others from outside your household;
- Avoid gathering and
- Practice physical distancing, even when wearing your mask.

It is extremely important that our communities come together to support one another. We strongly believe that it will be the spirit of collaboration that will bring resolve in this

difficult time. Together we can do so much!

#OurCommunitiesOurHospital #BeKind #WashYourHands

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