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## Lake of the Woods District Hospital declares second COVID-19 outbreak

*Kenora, ON, April 15, 2022* – Lake of the Woods District Hospital (LWDH) has activated its pandemic plan in response to two hospital patients testing positive for COVID-19.

With the health and safety of our patients, their families and our entire hospital team being the utmost priority, **immediate visitor restrictions have been implemented until the extent of spread is determined. The restriction is effective Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm until further notice.** Limited exceptions may apply to end of the life patients as well as other extenuating circumstances. Any exceptions will be determined by the unit manager or delegate.

Early recognition and swift actions in response to these episodes are essential for effective management of an outbreak. Actions will include contact tracing, testing, isolation of exposed staff and patients. The LWDH Infection Control team is investigating the origin of the outbreak and working collaboratively with the Northwestern Health Unit to ensure effective control strategies.

Hospital leadership wishes to acknowledge our incredible hospital teams for their quick response, flexibility, dedication and motivation to do all they can to protect our patients and communities during these difficult times.

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