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**One hospital unit experiencing COVID-19 outbreak
Mandatory masking in place on inpatient units and ER**

Kenora, ON, September 18, 2025 – A COVID-19 outbreak has been declared on one unit of Lake of the Woods District Hospital (LWDH) – 2E. The LWDH Infection Control team is investigating the outbreak and is working collaboratively with the Northwestern Health Unit to ensure effective control strategies.

The health and safety of our patients, their families and our entire hospital team is our utmost priority. Considering the outbreak, **visitor restrictions have been implemented to the affected unit. The restriction is effective September 18, 2025 @ 1100hrs 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. Visitors are permitted in other areas of the hospital as per the visitor policy. Please do not visit your loved one if you are experiencing any respiratory symptoms.

In addition, **mandatory masking is in place on all inpatient units and the Emergency Department** until further notice. This includes hallways and corridors.

Your patience and understanding is appreciated. LWDH will provide updates on the outbreak as they are available.

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