



DATE: 2/2/2018

Visitor restrictions at Red Deer Nursing Home

A respiratory outbreak was declared yesterday among long term care residents at Red Deer Nursing Home in Porcupine Plain.

Symptoms associated with respiratory illness were first reported on Monday, January 29th and included fever, chills, cough and fatigue. Ten residents are currently on respiratory precautions. An outbreak is declared when a minimum of three residents, patients, clients or staff display symptoms of respiratory illness in a twenty-four hour period.

Visitors of long term care residents in Red Deer Nursing Home are being restricted as the result of the outbreak. Precautions have been put in place to help contain and minimize the spread of the virus.

“Though there have not been many influenza cases in the region, other viruses are also circulating in communities. People may carry the virus without being symptomatic and can transfer it to others,” said Dr. Mohammad Khan, Medical Health Officer, Saskatchewan Health Authority, “Proper hand washing with warm water and soap for at least 24-30 seconds is one of the most effective means of preventing the spread of communicable diseases.”

Visitors to Red Deer Nursing Home are being restricted until further notice, with the exception of those visiting residents that are extremely ill. Individuals should check with the facility if they have any questions or concerns.

Dr. Mohammad Khan, Medical Health Officer
Melfort
306-752-6310
Mohammad.Khan@saskhealthauthority.ca