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Visitor restrictions lifted at Pineview Lodge

Visitor restrictions in place at Pineview Lodge were officially lifted today.

An outbreak was declared at Pineview Lodge on February 23, 2018 after symptoms associated with respiratory illness were reported. Symptoms included cough and congestion. In total, 14 long term care residents/7 staff were impacted by the outbreak.

An outbreak is declared when a minimum of three residents, patients, clients or staff display symptoms of illness in a twenty-four hour period. During the outbreak, long term care resident activities were cancelled and precautions were put in place to help contain and minimize the spread of the virus.

“Visitors are asked to stay away from health care facilities when they are showing signs of illness,” stated Dr. Mohammad Khan, Medical Health Officer, Saskatchewan Health Authority. “Visitors are also asked to exercise caution, including using hand cleanser or hand sanitizer whenever they enter or leave a health care facility in order to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases.”

The public can help prevent the spread of viruses by:

- Always thoroughly wash hands with soap and warm water, particularly after using the washroom;
- Use hand sanitizer frequently, particularly if hand washing is not immediately possible;
- Use a tissue or the sleeve of your clothing to cover coughs and sneezes;
- Clean all surfaces thoroughly, especially taps, railings, door handles and counters both at home and where groups of people congregate; and,
- If ill, stay at home for at least 48 hours after your last symptoms to prevent spread to others.

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