

Home and Community Care

Information on Long-term Care Homes in the District of Thunder Bay

Making the decision to move to a long-term care home (LTCH) is a life changing step for you and your family. It is important you have all the information you need to choose a home that is right for you. There are many things to consider, including the level of care you require, location, availability and cost. Your Community Care Coordinator will support you through these decisions and can assist with the application process.



If you can, we recommend that you and your family visit the homes you are interested in before making any final decision. Your Community Care Coordinator can provide you with a brochure “Selecting a Long-Term Care Home” to help with your choice.

Each person who applies for long-term care may choose up to five (5) long-term care homes in order of preference. These decisions will help determine the amount of time a person waits for long-term care.

For more information, or to determine more accurate wait times for you or your loved one, please consult with your Community Care Coordinator at 1-800-626-5406.

Quick Facts in the District of Thunder Bay

65

Number of Long-Term Care Home beds

4

Number of Long-Term Care Homes

2

Average number of people who move into a Long-Term Care Home per month

80

Total Number of People on Waitlist for Placement into Long-Term Care

Placement Categories

Depending on your needs, a North West Local Health Integration Network's (NW LHIN) Community Care Coordinator will determine the most appropriate category and you will be placed in one of the following:

Category 1	People who need immediate admission to long-term care and cannot have their needs met at home, or who are in hospital when hospital is in crisis. People in a long-term care home (LTCH) that is closing within 12 weeks.
Category 2	People who need to be reunited with their spouses/partners who are currently residing in a LTCH and who meet eligibility requirements (including care needs).
Category 3	People waiting for a LTCH serving those of a particular religion, ethnic origin or culture.
Category 4A	People who have high care needs, but can still be supported at home until a bed becomes available. People in hospital waiting for long-term care. People in a LTCH seeking transfer to their first choice.
Category 4B	People with care needs who are currently managing at home with supports, but may need a LTCH in the future. Wait times for clients in this category are much longer.
Veteran	People who are veterans and are applying to be placed into a LTCH that contains Veteran Priority Access Beds.

Please Note: The information is intended to be a resource for families, **not** a definitive guide on choosing a home. Ultimately, choosing the home that is right for you requires careful consideration of many factors, including your health status, needs and personal preferences. Your NW LHIN Community Care Coordinator will help you determine which options may be best for you.

When reviewing the information below, please remember the following:

- As each individual may select up to 5 homes and up to 3 bed types in each home, an individual may appear on multiple waitlists.
- The number of days waiting is calculated in the 90th percentile; this means they reflect the overall experience of 9 out of 10 people. You may wait a longer or shorter period of time, depending on your circumstances and the number of available beds.
- The numbers fluctuate based on a variety of factors; your NW LHIN Community Care Coordinator can help you decide what options may best meet your individual circumstances.
- If a LTCH does not offer a specific bed type, the number will be designated as "N/A."

Average LTCH Availability (as of September 30, 2019)

Long-Term Care Home	Licensed Beds	Basic		Semi- Private		Private		Average # of beds that become available every month*
		# on Waitlist	Days Waiting for 9/10 People	# on Waitlist	Days Waiting for 9/10 People	# on Waitlist	Days Waiting for 9/10 People	
Geraldton								
Geraldton District Hospital— Extended Care	19	14	660	4	**No Data Available	6	**No Data Available	<1
Manitouwadge								
Manitouwadge General Hospital— Extended Care	9	16	469	2	**No Data Available	3	**No Data Available	<1
Nipigon								
Nipigon District Memorial Hospital— Extended Care	15	28	1,239	0	**No Data Available	2	150	<1
Terrace Bay								
Wilkes Terrace	22	18	589	1	520	2	687	<1

* A designation of <1 average number of beds that become available every month signifies a wait time of more than 1 month for a single bed to become available in that Long-Term Care Home.

** Note: There has not been a bed available of this type of accommodation for the last 12 months and therefore there is no data to report.

Note: These figures represent average wait times in each category, based on the total number of people waiting for long-term care in the District of Thunder Bay in the month of September. These wait times will vary depending on accommodation availability, gender and placement category of the person waiting for long-term care. Individual clients may select up to 5 LTCHs and would be reflected on more than one waitlist.