



Cleveland, Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 165TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

I regret to inform you that the RPA and one CHSLD unit were declared in a COVID-19 outbreak:

- Central: On preventive isolation as an employee who tested positive worked on the unit
- Manning 2: One resident and two employees tested positive
- Norton 2: One resident and one employee tested positive

The following guidelines apply to *Manning and Shaw* for the next ten days:

- Positive residents will be isolated to their apartments, suites, or rooms for five days. Once their seclusion is lifted, they must wear a mask while circulating in common areas for five additional days
- Residents who had close contact with positive residents can circulate throughout the building wearing a mask and will be served their meals in the visitor dining room, which is adjacent to the Main Dining Room, for five days. Their symptoms will be closely monitored for ten days after their close contact. If a resident develops a fever, they will be placed on isolation for five days and a rapid test will be processed. Based on the results, required measures will be applied, including:
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be available outside positive residents' apartments, suites, or rooms
 - Residents should maintain a two-metre distance during group activities if possible
 - There are no restrictions for visitors
- Employees working in the RPA who are in contact with residents must wear a procedural mask, including Main Dining Room staff and employees who circulate between the CHSLD and RPA.

The following guidelines apply to *Norton 2* for the next ten days:

- Positive residents will be isolated to their rooms for ten days
- Close contacts will be placed on preventive isolation and retested for COVID-19 on day five before lifting their confinement. Symptoms will be monitored for ten days. If a resident develops a fever, they will be placed in isolation for five days and a rapid test will be processed. Based on the results, the required measures will be applied, including:
 - PPE will be available outside positive residents' rooms
 - Residents must remain on the unit and should keep a two-metre distance during group activities if possible
 - Employees and visitors must wear a procedural mask on the unit

The following guidelines apply to *Central* for the next five days:

- Employees and visitors must wear a procedural mask while on the unit
- Residents leaving the unit must wear a procedural mask until they are outside the building

Before lifting any isolations, symptoms must improve for twenty-four hours except cough and smell and taste loss, and the resident must not have had a fever for forty-eight hours without the use of medication. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Nursing, Audrey Beauchesne, at abeauchesne@waleshome.ca or 819-826-3266 extension 244 or visit our website at <https://waleshome.ca/all-the-news>.

Sincerely,

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