

Cleveland, Wednesday, December 22nd, 2021

RE: SEVENTY-FIFTH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees and Family Members,

We regret to inform you that another employee has tested positive for Covid-19. This employee was in contact with two residents living on Norton 3. Norton 3 is now on preventive isolation including the two residents who were in contact with the employee and six residents who are showing symptoms are currently quarantined in their rooms. All residents and employees working on Norton 3 and those in contact with the employee were tested today. Employees who were unable to be tested today, will be tested onsite tomorrow morning.

We are happy to announce that 33/34 residents tested yesterday (Manning/Shaw 1 and nine residents on Manning 2), received negative results, one test result has still not been processed. Most of our employees have received negative results, but some are still pending.

As per Public Health's recommendations, Norton 2 residents and employees will be re-tested tomorrow at 9:30 AM. The preventive isolation will continue until Friday, December 24th, 2021.

All residents under preventive isolation must be quarantined and can be visited by one PRIMARY CAREGIVER per day until preventive measures are lifted.

There appears to be confusion circulating within the community, and among family members. **There is no Covid-19 outbreak at the Wales Home.** The isolation protocols currently in place are PREVENTIVE only. Employees can safely work on any unit, including those on preventive isolation. No additional employees or residents have received a positive COVID-19 test result, apart from the 3 employees that have been put in isolation.

New measures:

- **Residents under preventive isolation** must remain isolated ten days after the first contact and receive two negative results before measures can be lifted.
 - Norton one: December 24th
 - Norton two, Manning / Shaw 1 and nine residents on Manning 2: December 29th
 - Norton three: December 31st
- **Residents isolated because they are showing symptoms:**
 - Anyone entering the room must wear a disposable gown, gloves, visor, and N-95 mask. Gowns and gloves must be removed before leaving the room. The visor and N-95 mask is to be removed outside the room and disposed in the garbage. A surgical (blue) mask is to be immediately applied. Today we received 4500 N-95 masks.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates and will promptly notify you of any changes. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns at 819-826-3266 extension 247 or. You can also visit our website for updates at www.waleshome.ca/all-the-news.

Sincerely,



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