

Cleveland, Thursday, December 23rd, 2021

RE: SEVENTY-SIXTH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees and Family Members,

We regret to inform you that a fourth employee has tested positive for Covid-19. Regulations issued by Public Health this afternoon are as follows: **ALL RESIDENTS living on Norton 1, 2, 3, and Shaw/Manning 1 & 2 are on PREVENTIVE ISOLATION and must quarantine.** Each resident can be visited by one PRIMARY CAREGIVER per day until the preventive measures are lifted by public health (December 30th). Please identify four primary caregivers and advise the visitor coordinator at Door number. All employees and primary caregivers must always wear a surgical mask, a visor/goggles, gown, and gloves. Employees must follow regulations below if any resident shows symptoms of COVID-19.

We are happy to announce that the pending test result from yesterday and all Norton 2 residents have tested negative. Today have received 19 negative results from Norton 3 and most of our employees have received negative results, but some are still pending. Public Health has authorized Danika Messier, Director of Nursing to receive residents Covid-19 results (family members will no longer receive the results).

The date of the next mass testing for residents and employees on Norton 1, 2, 3, Manning/Shaw 1 & 2 is scheduled for December 28th.

Correction from yesterday's letter: Norton 1 residents and employees were re-tested this morning and not Norton 2.

Public Health has advised that employees should change their work clothes before entering the community e.g., going to the grocery store or pharmacy.

New measures regarding visiting effective immediately:

- Anyone not able to show proof of their QR code will be denied entry to the facility
- One visitor per resident at a time and a maximum of two visitors per day (this does not apply to units under preventive isolation).
- CHSLD residents are not allowed to leave the building unless for a medical appointment
- End of life visitation is to be scheduled with the Executive Director

New measures for employees showing symptoms:

Any employee showing symptoms of Covid-19 is not authorized to work and must be tested at a testing centre.

All Employees must be tested if they have one of the following symptoms:

- Fever, loss of taste or smell, chronic cough, difficulty breathing or sore throat.

Employees must be tested if they have two of the following symptoms:

- Stomach-ache, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, extreme fatigue, extreme loss of appetite, muscular aches and pains and headache.

Reminder:

- **Currently there are two residents on Norton 1 and six residents on Norton 3 isolated because they are showing symptoms of COVID-19:**
 - 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.

This afternoon we were visited by a Nurse from the CIUSSS regarding the ever-changing regulations regarding preventive isolation. Recommendations have been summarized and copies are located at each nursing station. Please ensure each employee has read, understands and applies the measures. Tomorrow we will be visited by another Nurse to ensure measures are properly implemented in the CHSLD.

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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