

Cleveland, Wednesday, December 29th, 2021

RE: EIGHTIETH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees and Family Members,

We were informed today that another employee has tested positive for COVID-19. In the last week, this employee has worked on all three CHSLD units, and his last shift was December 26th. Due to the current high volume of COVID-19 testing; we have been informed by the CIUSSS that the remaining results will be issued tomorrow. Below are the results received to date:

Norton 1: 6/32 residents have tested negative

Norton 2: 10/32 residents have tested negative

Norton 3: 2/32 residents have tested negative

Central: 6/12 residents have tested negative

Manning/Shaw 1: 4/33 residents have tested negative

Manning/Shaw 2: 3/29 residents have tested negative

Employees, please send results to Erica Vander Wal: evanderwal@waleshome.ca or extension 248.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on the people who work and live in long term care and retirement residences. Over the past 20 months, we have worked together to protect those in our care from the worst outcomes from the pandemic, and sadly, our work is not yet done. New variants of concern are more contagious than ever and pose a higher risk of transmission compared to the original strain of COVID-19. Vaccines are a proven, safe and a powerful way to reduce the spread and severity of COVID-19. I am pleased to share that all our residents but two have received their third dose to protect them against COVID-19. We are truly grateful for everyone's cooperation, understanding and patience during these difficult times especially those currently working and living on a preventive isolation unit; I have witnessed that the working and living conditions are not ideal and keep me awake at night.

The strict measures in place are there to protect both our residents and employees. It's hard to comprehend that two Christmases have come and gone, and we are still prisoners to the Covid-beast! Please stay strong, reach out to your friends, and family for support. I hope my next letter shares positive news of negative results and the lifting of preventive isolation measures and rejoining with loved ones. Together we will get through this.

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 (my coordinates are listed below). You can also visit our website for updates at www.waleshome.ca/all-the-news.

Regards,



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