

Cleveland, Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

**REGARDING: 162<sup>ND</sup> WALES COVID-19 UPDATE**

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

On Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a mobile vaccination team will be onsite to offer COVID-19 booster shots to eligible residents. Unlike previous boosters, however, eligibility criteria are stricter; the following categories will be vaccinated:

- Immuneocompromised individuals are eligible for bi-annual boosters, or three months post-COVID-19 infection
- Non-immunocompromised individuals are eligible for bi-annual boosters if they have not previously had the virus

Please note that non-immune compromised individuals who have already had COVID-19 and have the primary vaccinations, meaning two doses are *not* eligible for further boosters. For our residents, therefore, the eligibility is as follows:

Unit	Number of Eligible Residents	Number of Residents who will be Eligible in April or May
Central	5/12 = 42%	
Manning Basement	4/10 = 40%	
Manning 1	2/14 = 14%	1/14 = 7%
Manning 2	5/13 = 38%	
Norton 1	1/32 = 3%	2/32 = 6%
Norton 2	7/32 = 22%	4/32 = 13%
Norton 3	4/32 = 13%	2/32 = 6%
Shaw 1	1/15 = 7%	3/15 = 20%
Shaw 2	2/15 = 13%	
Shaw 3	2/12 = 17%	2/12 = 17%
Shaw 4 and the Mitchell Suites	2/10 = 20%	1/10 = 10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>35/197 = 18%</b>	<b>15/197 = 8%</b>

This grid will be updated on Monday with the vaccination statistics. As for employees, this booster is recommended to the following categories *only*:

- Immunocompromised individuals are eligible six months after their last dose, or three months after testing positive for COVID-19
- Non-immunocompromised people who have not previously tested positive for COVID-19 are eligible six months after their last dose

Any employee who is eligible according to the two bullet points above and who would like to be vaccinated on Monday must contact Health Services Administrative Assistant Erica Vander Wal by today at noon at [evanderwal@waleshome.ca](mailto:evanderwal@waleshome.ca) or 819-826-3266 extension 248.

I spoke with Public Health this morning and they agreed to lift the RPA outbreak status. Residents are asked to continue wearing masks until Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023; if there are no new cases between now and then, they can stop wearing them on this date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the coordinates below or visit our website at <https://waleshome.ca/all-the-news>. Thank you for helping keep our residents and employees safe!

Sincerely,



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