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Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 145TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

We received the results from yesterday's mass testing this morning; we are thankful that Public Health performed this considerable screening, as many new positive cases were detected among asymptomatic residents and residents who previously tested negative via rapid test. Please see the results in the table below:

Unit	Number of Residents Tested	Number of New Positive Cases	Total Number of Positive Cases	Total Number of Preventive Isolations
Norton 1	31	5/31 = 16%	6	10
Norton 3	22	3/22 = 14%	11	12
Total	53	8/53 = 15%	17	22

The positive residents will be self-isolated to their rooms for ten days. Their tablemates will be tested and preventively isolated to their rooms for five days. Norton 1 officially joins Norton 3 in outbreak status.

Any resident with cold or flu symptoms will be immediately isolated and tested for COVID-19. Any resident with a fever who tests negative for COVID-19 will be tested for influenza. Residents who can apply and remove a mask autonomously are asked to wear one when in close contact with others and to increase hand hygiene. Employees will closely monitor residents to ensure no deconditioning occurs, including maintaining scheduled bathing and walks in hallways with proper personal protective equipment. Since our last update, one employee tested positive for the virus but three are pending results.

Wales visit regulations include:

- Wearing a mask to enter the building
- Changing your mask to a clean procedural one provided by the Wales at the entrances
- Keeping the procedural mask over your nose and mouth for your *entire* visit
 - As you cannot remove your mask while at the Wales, eating and drinking are *not* permitted – masks cannot be lowered for *any* reason
- Frequent hand hygiene is important, either with soap and water in the residents' room, suite, or apartment or hand sanitizer, located throughout the common areas

We will keep you updated as this situation progresses. 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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