



Cleveland, Friday, May 12th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

REGARDING: 167TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

Yesterday, nine Central residents and thirty Norton 2 residents were tested for COVID-19. Results identified three positive cases on Central. Results also detected two employees, including myself, infected with the virus. Central residents will be isolated to the best of our abilities and encouraged to wear masks when out of their rooms. Additionally, one more Manning 1 and one more Manning 2 resident tested positive for the virus. Measures were implemented to isolate the virus's spread. To date, no one has serious symptoms.

Our Director of Nursing, Audrey Beauchesne, is in regular communication with Public Health regarding the outbreak's evolution. Public Health advised that the RPA measures should be increased as they have concerns about Mother's Day visitations this weekend. Effective immediately, therefore, the following measures apply to Manning and Shaw:

- Visitors must wear blue procedural masks
- Residents are also strongly advised to wear blue masks, but this practice is not mandatory unless they test positive or for five days after they were in close contact with someone who tests positive
- Positive residents are allowed to leave their rooms for a walk or to go outside *if* they do not have a fever. They must wear a blue mask and keep a two-metre distance from other residents. They do not need to be accompanied
- Residents identified as having had a close contact with someone who tests positive must continue to eat their meals in the Visitor Dining Room. If this space becomes too full, they can be seated together in the Main Dining Room as long as they keep a two-metre distance from others

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Audrey at abeauchesne@waleshome.ca or 819-826-3266 extension 224 or visit our website at <https://waleshome.ca/all-the-news>. Happy Mother's Day to our wonderful moms!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendalee Piironen".

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