

Cleveland, Friday, January 14th, 2022

RE: NINETY-THIRD WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees and Family Members,

Today we acknowledge the good things! 37 residents and 36 employee received negative results from their Covid test processed yesterday, we hope the remaining results will also be negative. This morning a team was onsite to disinfect Central. Residents living on this unit are no longer under quarantine, but their symptoms must be monitored for an additional three days. Should a resident develop symptoms, they will be put back on preventive isolation. Employees working on Central have now reduced their PPE to a mask and goggles. Employees can have their breaks off the unit.

Four/five residents who tested positive on January 3rd, are no longer in quarantine. These residents can leave their room to go to the dining room, walk in the hallway unsupervised, have a bath and will not be tested for Covid-19 for the next 90 days. One resident will remain on isolation for another 24-48 hours as this resident still has slight symptoms. When employees are providing care or services to these four residents, they no longer wear a gown, gloves, or booties. We are so happy for these residents and are counting the days for all our residents to be off quarantine.

To lift the isolation on January 18th for the two residents who tested positive on January 8th:

- No fever for 48 hours (without taking medication such as Tylenol)
- Symptoms must have improved over the last 24 hours (excluding cough and loss of smell and taste which may last longer)
- The disinfection of the room must be processed

UNIT	TYPE OF ISOLATION	EMPLOYEE PPE
All residents living in an apartment, 4 th floor, Central & 4 residents in the RPA who tested positive on January 3 rd , 2022	Cold Zone	●●●GREEN
Manning/Shaw 1 & 2 and CHSLD units	Preventive isolation	●Yellow
Manning/Shaw 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 resident tested positive on January 3rd – still showing slight symptoms • 2 residents tested positive on January 8th 	Rooms are considered HOT ZONE – door closed	●●Red
Norton 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (4 residents showing symptoms – 2/4 residents tested negative from yesterday's test). 	Rooms are considered HOT ZONE door closed, but no booties required	●●Red

●●●GREEN: N95 Mask and goggles/visor ●Yellow: N95 mask, Visor, yellow gown, nitril gloves
●●Red: N95 mask, visor, blue gown, nitril gloves and booties only if the resident is positive for Covid-19

Note: Primary caregivers apply the same rules as above but wear a blue mask and visor as they must distance 2-metres from the resident.

New Regulations issued by CNESST effective today:

N95 masks are to be worn by employees who are in close contact with the residents: **Nurses, LNPs, Activity & Therapy department, social workers, caregivers, and clinical aids.** CNESST has issued the following guidelines:

Employees working in a cold/green zone: (See grid above):

- One N95 mask per shift (mask to be changed if soiled or wet)

During meals / breaks:

1. Perform hand hygiene before removing mask
2. Remove N95 mask just before eating and place on a clean surface (e.g.: paper towel)
3. Perform hand hygiene
4. After meal, apply N95 mask and perform hand hygiene

Eye protection:

Goggles at all times.

Employees working in a warm (yellow) and hot (red) zone (see grid above):

- Four N95 masks per shift
- When feasible, provide care and services to symptomatic or positive residents one after the other which reduces the number of N95 masks; do not change mask between care of these residents. **The N95 mask is discarded before going into a cold area and a clean one is to be applied**
- Same rules apply for the meals / breaks as indicated above

Eye protection:

- Visor is mandatory in warm (yellow) or hot (red) zones
- Use the same visor between residents who are symptomatic or confirmed positive with Covid-19
- The visor must be disinfected and kept for future use
- Discard visor only when damaged or after final care of symptomatic/positive resident

New regulations regarding residents/employees who have tested positive for Covid-19 before or after December 20th, 2021:

- Anyone who tested positive for Covid-19 **before** December 20th, 2021, must be tested if they have symptoms or requested to participate in mass testing at Wales Home
- Anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 **after** December 20th, 2021, will not be tested for 90 days

Updated regulations highlighted in yellow:

All residents who are currently on preventive isolation (negative for Covid-19 /have no symptoms) are permitted to walk outside or in the hallway of their unit but must be under supervision of **an employee of the Wales Home** to ensure they are distancing 2-metres from others and not touching items in the hallway including PPE. Residents must wear a mask and **yellow gown** when walking in the hallway. **Yellow gown can be removed once outside. Employees who supervise a resident outside and are less than 2-metres from the resident, must wear a yellow gown over their winter coat.** The Activity and Therapy department will supervise residents in the hallways. If walking groups are formed, it creates a bubble which must be maintained until the end of the isolation period. High touch surfaces must be disinfected after residents have finished their walk.

The documents regarding attraction retention for LPNs and Nurses will be finalized next week.

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: www.waleshome.ca/all-the-news.

Regards,



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