

Cleveland, Monday, January 17th, 2022

RE: NINETY-FOURTH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees and Family Members,

Good news, all our residents and employees who were tested last Thursday received negative results for Covid-19! All residents and employees who were tested last week, will be retested tomorrow (same place/same time). Any employee working evening shift can be tested at 2:45 PM in the Mitchell room. Employees, please provide Chantal Richer with your results either via email or voicemail ext. 274.

Q: Why are residents and employees being tested again tomorrow and why can't isolation be lifted if residents tested negative? **A:** When a mass testing is scheduled, it involves two screenings: the first testing is scheduled on **Day 3** of the **first positive case** of a resident or employee, and the **second testing** is scheduled on **Day 8**. I empathize with all the residents who are isolated in their rooms and for all the employees who are having to wear and change their PPE several times per day. Hang in there!

Today we were informed of two employees (food services/housekeeping) who were showing symptoms and then tested positive for Covid-19. As these employees were not in direct contact with residents, there will be no extra screening of residents required.

Tomorrow morning, we will disinfect the two rooms of the residents who tested positive on January 8th, and then these residents will be off isolation and their room will be considered a **COLD ZONE**. Hopefully on Wednesday, results will allow us to change all units to a **COLD ZONE**.

New Regulations issued by CNESST:

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 or any employee who is in close contact with a resident e.g., food services on Norton 2 who provide assistance to residents during breakfast must wear an N95 while performing this task, otherwise food service employees wear a blue mask during their workday.** Any employee who is not in direct contact or providing care to a resident wears a blue surgical mask. On Wednesday, we will resume the fit tests for N95 masks; employees will be informed of time and location. N95 masks are available at Door #3, replacements are available the units.

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.

We thank all our employees who are having to wear N95 masks, gowns, gloves etc. We thank our employees who are doing tasks not related to their job description. We also thank our doctors for their dedication and support during these challenging times. We still remain hopeful and optimistic that 2022 will be a better year.

Regards,



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