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Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 150TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Since our last update, one Norton 1, one Norton 2, and one Shaw 1 resident tested positive for COVID-19. These residents are self-isolating to their rooms for ten days. Two of their tablemates tested negative but are preventively isolating to their rooms for five days. Norton 1 currently has twenty-one positive cases, Norton 2 has four, and Shaw 1 has one; this case is unrelated to our CHSLD outbreaks.

Eight employees are currently positive for the virus, and one is pending results, constituting forty-one missing shifts per week. Although this staffing situation has greatly improved compared to last week, these missing shifts still put a great strain on our schedule and thus essential care will continue to be prioritized; scheduled baths and changing residents out of their pajamas may be done later than usual.

Employees from the testing centre were onsite today to perform a mass testing on Norton 1 and 2 residents and employees. The table below contains the statistics on who was tested:

Unit	Number of Residents Tested	Number of Residents Who Did Not Require Testing	Employees
Norton 1	10/32 = 31%	22/32 = 69%	22
Norton 2	28/32 = 88%	4/32 = 13%	16
Other	-	-	7
Total	38/64 = 59%	26/64 = 41%	45

I will issue another letter tomorrow with the above table updated to include result statistics.

Please remember you can still visit your COVID-19-positive loved ones; you simply need to wear proper personal protective equipment. If you have not previously done so, please ask an employee on your loved one's unit; they will be happy to demonstrate. Wales visit regulations remain the same:

- Wear a mask to enter the building
- Change to a clean procedural one provided by the Wales at the entrances
- Keep 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 resident's room, suite, or apartment or hand sanitizer, located throughout the common areas

We will keep you posted 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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