

Cleveland, Tuesday, October 5th, 2021

Residents, Employees, and Family Members

RE: SIXTY-FIFTH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, and Family Members,

Last week, Public Health recommended that residents living in long-term care facilities (CHSLDs), private seniors' residences (RPAs), and family-type and intermediate care dwellings (RI-RTF) receive a third vaccine dose against COVID-19. The approved interval between second and third shots is six months. The booster will roll out at the same time as the annual influenza vaccine, beginning in CHSLDs in late October followed by RPAs and RI-RTFs in November.

Shaw and Manning residents must wear a *procedural* mask, available by the elevators on each unit, in common areas including elevators, hallways, and while at activities. Residents are expected to apply a clean mask daily. CHSLD residents who leave their units must also wear a clean surgical mask. Visitors who are *fully* protected can still remove their mask once they are in a resident's room or when visiting outside. Yesterday, the CHSLD Wales Inc. and Residence Wales Home's Contingency Plans regarding COVID-19 were updated and sent to the CIUSSSE-CHUS.

Effective next Friday, October 15th, 2021, visitors and volunteers must be fully protected to enter the building. Visit Coordinators will use the VaxiCode Verif application to scan Quick Response (QR) codes; photo identification may be requested. Guests from outside Québec who do not have a QR code must present a valid photo ID including their address and the official proof of vaccination provided by their province or country. Please remember that only *one* household can be in the entryway at Door Number One at a time to respect a two-metre distance.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates, and we encourage you to contact us with questions or concerns or visit our website at www.waleshome.ca/all-the-news for more updates. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate these ever-changing Public Health measures together to protect our residents.

Sincerely,



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