



Cleveland, Saturday, January 28th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 154TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

This morning, one Manning 1 resident, one Manning 2 resident, and two Shaw 1 residents tested positive for COVID-19. These residents are self-isolating in their rooms for ten days. Seven residents from Manning 1, Shaw 1, Shaw 2, and Shaw 4 were in direct contact and therefore are preventively isolated to their rooms.

Currently, five employees are off sick due to COVID-19, constituting twenty-four shifts per week. I applaud our employees for diligently going to the testing centre whenever they are symptomatic or have a positive contact; they are going above and beyond to protect our vulnerable seniors.

Any resident with cold or flu symptoms will be immediately isolated and tested for COVID-19. Any resident with a fever who tests negative for COVID-19 will be tested for influenza. Residents who can apply and remove a mask autonomously are asked to wear one when in close contact with others and increase hand hygiene. Employees will closely monitor residents to ensure no deconditioning occurs, including maintaining scheduled bathing, supervised walks in hallways with proper personal protective equipment, and individualized visits from the Activity Department in their rooms.

Wales visit regulations include:

- Wearing a mask to enter the building
- Changing your mask to a clean procedural one provided by the Wales at the entrances
- Keeping 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 residents' room, suite, or apartment or hand sanitizer, located throughout the common areas

We will keep you updated 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,

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

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