

Cleveland, Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Residents, Employees, and Family Members

**RE: SIXTY-FOURTH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE**

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Dear Residents, Employees, and Family Members,

We were informed late Friday afternoon that RPA residents residing in the Estrie region must wear a mask in common areas including elevators, hallways, and during activities. The new measure follows the increase in positive COVID-19 cases in our area. Visitors who are *fully* protected can still remove their mask once they are in residents' rooms or when visiting outside.

Until further notice, the new measure does not apply to CHSLD or Central residents. These residents must wear a mask once they leave their unit, including to participate in activities or to go outside.

The Government also issued directives for those eligible for a third vaccine against COVID-19; this list includes anyone receiving cancer treatment like chemotherapy or radiation and those receiving dialysis. Any resident eligible for a third dose will be scheduled for the vaccine through the Wales. Third doses must be administered at least four weeks after second doses.

On Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we received the new decree regarding mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for healthcare facilities. As of Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, healthcare workers must be fully protected, or they will be suspended without pay. I am pleased to share that 100 percent of our employees received their first dose and those who are not yet fully protected scheduled appointments to receive their second dose before the deadline.

Visitors and volunteers must also be fully protected by October 15<sup>th</sup>, or they will be denied entry to the building. Visit Coordinators will be using the VaxiCode Verif application to scan Quick Response (QR) codes and photo ID may be requested. Visitors from outside of Québec who do not have a QR code must present a valid photo ID including their address and an official proof of vaccination provided by their province or country.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation respecting the updated government measures. 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](http://www.waleshome.ca/all-the-news).

Sincerely,



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