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Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 144TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

I am pleased to announce that no residents tested positive yesterday, which is great news! As a precaution and mainly due to Norton 3's outbreak, Public Health was onsite today to test Norton 1 and Norton 3 residents. The only exceptions are residents who are currently positive and residents who tested positive for the virus in the last three months. Please see the table below for statistics on residents tested today:

Unit	Number of Residents Tested	Number of Residents Who Did Not Require Testing
Norton 1	31/32 = 97%	1/32 = 3%
Norton 3	22/32 = 69%	10/32 = 31%
Total	53/64 = 83%	11/64 = 17%

I will issue another letter tomorrow with the above table updated to include result statistics. One Central resident has cold symptoms but tested negative for COVID-19. They are on preventive isolation and will be retested.

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 to increase hand hygiene. Employees will closely monitor residents to ensure no deconditioning occurs. Since our last update, two employees tested positive for the virus, and one is pending results.

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,

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