

Cleveland, Thursday, January 19th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 148TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

Yesterday, one Shaw 3 resident tested positive for COVID-19. They will self-isolate to their apartment for ten days. Their Main Dining Room tablemate from the Manning Basement and a close contact from Shaw 3 are now on preventive isolation to their apartments for five days. As this new case is in the RPA, we can consider this situation unrelated to the outbreaks in our CHSLD.

Since our last update, four employees tested positive for the virus. One of the two employees who tested positive in Tuesday's mass screening but were asked by Public Health to be retested went to the testing centre yesterday and tested *negative!* The other employee will go today; we will keep you posted of their results. Other than these two, twelve employees are off work due to being COVID-19-positive. Positive employees will self-isolate at home for five days; upon their return to work, they will break in the Chapel. Symptomatic employees who test negative break in the Sub-Basement Breakroom.

Public Health informed us during our meeting yesterday that they will return on Monday, January 23rd, 2023 to perform another mass testing on Norton 1 residents and employees. They consider the Norton 3 outbreak to be under control since we have had no new cases this week. I will inform you of this mass screening's results on Tuesday.

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, including maintaining scheduled bathing, individualized visits by the Activity Department in the residents' rooms, and supervised walks in hallways with proper personal protective equipment.

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 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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