



Cleveland, Thursday, January 26th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 153RD WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

Yesterday, another Shaw 1 resident tested positive for COVID-19. They will self-isolate to their room for ten days. Their Main Dining Room tablemates from Manning 1, Manning 2, and the Mitchell Wing tested negative but will preventively isolate to their rooms and suite for five days.

Currently, six employees are out sick due to the virus, constituting thirty missing shifts per week. As mentioned yesterday, Public Health will no longer process mass screenings, however symptomatic residents will continue to be isolated and rapid tested onsite and symptomatic employees will go to a testing centre.

Please remember you can still visit your COVID-19-positive loved ones; if they are still under isolation, you simply need to wear proper personal protective equipment. If you have not previously done so, please ask an employee on your loved one's unit; they will be happy to demonstrate. Wales visit regulations remain the same:

- Wear a mask to enter the building
- Change to a clean procedural one provided by the Wales at the entrances
- Keep 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 resident's room, suite, or apartment or hand sanitizer, located throughout the common areas

We ask that visitors please wear blue booties provided at each entrance to keep our floors dry and reduce fall risks. 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,

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

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