



Cleveland, Thursday, May 18th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 169TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

Results from Tuesday, May 16th, 2023's mass COVID-19 screening identified three more positive residents: two on Central and one on Norton 2. This new case on Norton 2 had just gotten out of preventive isolation, as they are tablemates with the resident who previously tested positive on this unit; they and their tablemates, therefore, must now return to their rooms for additional preventive isolation. So far, employee results are negative. To date, no one has serious symptoms. We are still considered to be in an outbreak, however, please rest assured that the situation is controlled; transmission of cases is due entirely to close contacts, which we quickly curb with preventive isolations.

Our Director of Nursing, Audrey Beauchesne, is in regular communication with Public Health regarding the outbreak's evolution. The following measures still apply to Central, Norton 2, and the entire Manning and Shaw wings until further notice from Audrey:

- Visitors must wear a blue procedural mask *constantly*
- Residents are also strongly advised to wear blue masks, but this practice is not mandatory unless they test positive or for five days after they were in a close contact with someone who tests positive
- Positive residents are allowed to leave their rooms for a walk or to go outside *if* they do not have a fever. They must wear a blue mask, keep a two-metre distance from other residents, and do not need to be accompanied
- Residents identified as having had a close contact with someone who tests positive must continue to eat their meals in the Visitor Dining Room. If this space becomes too full, they can be seated together in the Main Dining Room if they keep a two-metre distance from others

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Audrey at abeauchesne@waleshome.ca or 819-826-3266 extension 224. You can also visit our website at <https://waleshome.ca/all-the-news>.

Sincerely,

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

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