

Cleveland, Tuesday, January 24th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 151ST WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

Here are the results of yesterday's mass testing:

	Unit	Tested	Number of New Positive Cases	Total Number of Positive Cases
Residents	Norton 1	10	4/10 = 40%	20
	Norton 2	28	2/28 = 7%	6
Employees		45	4/45 = 9%	7
Total		83	10/83 = 12%	33

The six residents who tested positive are self-isolating in their rooms for ten days. The seven absent employees constitute thirty-five missing shifts per week. Three previously isolated Norton 2 residents are now off isolation as their original contact was not direct. Seven Norton 2 residents are preventively isolated; one resident who shares a room with a positive resident will be temporarily relocated to the palliative care room so their isolation period will be shorter if they do not become infected with COVID-19.

After a lengthy meeting with Public Health today, they agreed to forego mass testing for both residents and employees for the time being. We expressed how much mental and physical strain these screenings cause to both residents and employees and implored them to reconsider this practice. They are meeting with their directors shortly to discuss our situation. Of course, symptomatic employees will continue to be tested at the testing centre and symptomatic residents will be isolated and rapid tested onsite.

Please remember you can still visit your COVID-19-positive loved ones; 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,



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