



Cleveland, Wednesday, February 8th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

## REGARDING: 160<sup>th</sup> Wales COVID-19 Update

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

This morning, one Shaw 4 resident tested positive for COVID-19 and is therefore self-isolating to their room for ten days. The table below depicts our current COVID-19 situation:

Unit	Number of Positive Cases	Outbreak?
Central	0/12 = 0%	No
Manning Basement	1/10 = 10%	No
Manning and Shaw 1	6/29 = 21%	Yes
Manning and Shaw 2	6/26 = 23%	Yes
Norton 1	0/32 = 0%	No
Norton 2	5/32 = 16%	Yes
Norton 3	0/32 = 0%	No
Shaw 3	5/12 = 42%	Yes
Shaw 4 and the Mitchell Suites	3/10 = 30%	Yes
Total	26/195 = 13%	Four units under outbreak

During a meeting with with Public Health this morning, they requested another meeting on Friday if the RPA produces more than four new cases between now and then. They recommended a mass testing if we obtain a seventy percent participation rate to determine if any asymptomatic resident or employee has the virus as they feel this practice can reduce outbreak lengths. Residents will be contacted by administration to discover whether they consent to be tested prior to Friday's meeting. Public Health also recommended increased cleaning of high touch surfaces in the public washroom closest to the Main Dining Room as well as the Manning and Shaw elevators and that residents wash or disinfect their hands frequently.

Two employees are currently out sick due to the virus, constituting ten missing shifts per week. Employees will closely monitor residents to reduce deconditioning, including maintaining scheduled bathing, supervised walks in hallways with proper personal protective equipment, and individualized visits from the Activity Department in their rooms.

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 <a href="https://waleshome.ca/all-the-news">https://waleshome.ca/all-the-news</a>. Thank you for helping keep our residents and employees safe!

Sincerely

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