

Cleveland, Wednesday, January 18th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

REGARDING: 147TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

Since our last update on Monday, nine Norton 1 residents tested positive for COVID-19, eight of whom tested positive during yesterday's mass testing, so they are on self-isolation in their rooms for ten days. Four of these residents share rooms with residents who tested negative for the virus yesterday, so their roommates are now on preventive isolation for five days. Please see the results from the screening in the table below:

	Unit	Tested	Number of New Positive Cases	Total Number of Positive Cases
Residents	Norton 1	23	8/23 = 35%	16
	Norton 3	18	0/18 = 0%	12
Employees		47	7*/47 = 15%	13
Total		88	15/88 = 17%	41

**Two of these employees were asked by Public Health to be retested today, as they are not certain that their results are positive.* Positive employees will self-isolate at home for five days before returning to work. Upon their return, they will break in the Chapel. Negative employees who are symptomatic will break in the Sub-Basement Breakroom. A follow-up meeting with Public Health is scheduled for this afternoon concerning the current outbreaks on Norton 1 and Norton 3.

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 and walks in hallways with proper personal protective equipment. Since our last update, one employee is pending results.

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

Sincerely,



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