



Cleveland, Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

**REGARDING: 152<sup>ND</sup> WALES COVID-19 UPDATE**

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Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

This morning, a Shaw 1 resident tested positive for COVID-19. The resident will self-isolate to their room for ten days. Their three Manning 1 and Shaw 1 tablemates tested negative but are preventively isolated to their suite and rooms for five days. This positive case is the second on Shaw 1 this week, therefore the unit is now considered under outbreak. Norton 1, Norton 2, and Norton 3 are also under outbreak; Norton 3, however, has no positive cases, so their outbreak status will be lifted on Friday if no new cases occur. Outbreaks last fourteen days after the last positive case, as that is the length of time during which the virus is contagious.

As with yesterday's update, seven employees are out sick due to COVID-19, constituting thirty-five missing shifts per week. I would like to thank our Human Resources Department for working tirelessly to fill shifts as well as our front-line employees for working short and overtime to compensate for these absences; to date, no services have been postponed despite being short staffed, which is amazing!

This morning, Public Health requested a follow-up meeting regarding the CHSLD outbreaks. After a lengthy discussion, despite the risks, Public Health agreed to not process another mass testing, but recommended that employees be encouraged to get tested at a screening centre. They also suggested that the residents' general health continue to be monitored and isolate any symptomatic resident. An update will be sent to Public Health via email on Friday and a follow-up phone meeting is scheduled for Monday morning.

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.

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, appearing to read "Brendalee Piironen".

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