

Cleveland, Thursday, February 18th, 2021

Family Members

RE: FORTY-FOURTH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Family Members,

This is the third letter in a row which I have good news to share! Residents' living in the Shaw and Manning wings will receive the *Pfizer* vaccine on Sunday morning. Once we have more specifics regarding the vaccination process, details will be shared with the residents. A request was made and accepted by the CIUSSS to vaccinate five residents living in the CHSLD Wales Inc. who were not onsite during the mass inoculation last month.

Making sure residents receive COVID-19 vaccinations early will help save their lives. Because many of our residents have underlying health conditions and live-in group settings, they are at higher risk of infection and severe illness from COVID-19. Our residents' matter to us and getting vaccinated is an important step to prevent them from getting sick with COVID-19 disease.

This afternoon during a teleconference meeting with the CIUSSS, Public Health Estrie stated that the *Pfizer* vaccine has an efficacy of over 90% after the first dose and it typically takes seniors three weeks after vaccination for the body to build immunity against the virus that causes COVID-19. This means it is possible that a resident could still get COVID-19 just after vaccination. Public health cautioned that measures must remain in place and that they are hopeful that the residents will receive their second dose in three months.

Please note that due to the mass vaccination on Sunday, February 21st, 2021, there will be no visitations before 1 PM. This applies for both the CHSLD and RPA.

On Sunday morning residents being vaccinated must:

- Wear short sleeves.
- Be seated in their doorway when it is time to be vaccinated.
- Wear a mask during vaccination (does not apply to CHSLD residents).
- Residents living in the Apartments and Shaw four must have their RAMQ card with them.
- Sub-basement apartments will be vaccinated in the lobby area at door number 6.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates, and we encourage you to contact us with questions or concerns or visit our website at www.waleshome.ca/all-the-news for more information.

Sincerely,



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