



Cleveland, Friday, April 22nd, 2022

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: 119TH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

I have good news; there were *no* new positive COVID-19 cases *again* today! Please see resident positivity statistics since Sunday, April 3rd, 2022 in the table below:

Entity	Unit	Positivity Percentage	Total	Self-Isolation Lifted
CHSLD	Norton 1	22/32 = 69%	71/96 = 74%	12/71 = 17%
	Norton 2	25/32 = 78%		
	Norton 3	24/32 = 75%		
RPA	Central	0/12 = 0%	57/91 = 68%	24/57 = 42%
	Manning Basement	8/9 = 89%		
	Manning and Shaw 1	19/23 = 83%		
	Manning and Shaw 2*	15/26 = 58%		
	Shaw Sub-Basement	2/3 = 67%		
	Shaw 3	5/8 = 63%		
	Shaw 4 and Mitchell Wing*	8/10 = 80%		
Total			128/187 = 68%	36/128 = 28%

*One resident is out.

The following statistics represent our current staffing situation due to the virus:

- Thirty-six of our 167 active employees are COVID-19-positive, equalling twenty-two percent of our workforce and 185 shifts
- As of today, twenty-one of these employees have returned to work after a five-day self-isolation, equalling fifty-eight percent and 105 shifts returned
- Fifteen of our 167 active employees are therefore still out sick, constituting nine percent of our workforce and eighty shifts to fill



To prevent deconditioning, COVID-19-positive residents may walk indoors and outdoors as of the *sixth* day of infection, so the sixth day as of the onset of symptoms or the sixth day after a positive rapid test result if asymptomatic; they must wear a procedural mask and maintain a two-metre distance from others. I recommend that employees accompany residents during their walks to disinfect surfaces they touch, including elevator buttons and doors. This directive also applies to immunosuppressed residents. Negative residents on Norton 1 and Norton 2, who are currently self-isolating, may go for walks if they wear a procedural mask, gown, and gloves.

Please find below a summary below from the CIUSSSE-CHUS infection control nurse's visit to the RPA:

- Considering there have been no new cases in the RPA since Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 and that many positive residents' self-isolations ended or will soon conclude, the Main Dining Room will reopen and group activities will resume on Monday, April 25th, 2022 for negative and recovered residents. If an increase in cases occurs over the weekend, we may revise this decision on Monday, April 25th, 2022
- For residents with a deteriorating psychological condition due to self-isolation, a rapid test can be processed on day seven or eight after the onset of symptoms or the initial positive rapid test if asymptomatic. If this second test's result is negative, disinfection can occur, and self-isolation can be lifted following the usual protocols

There will be no COVID-19 update this weekend. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with sanitary measures. I appreciate your efforts to help us protect our residents and employees from this deadly virus. 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>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendalee Piironen".

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