

Cleveland, Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**RE: NINETY-SEVENTH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE**

Dear Residents, Employees and Family Members,

We were informed this morning of two employees who tested positive for Covid-19. Public health has been advised. One employee was not in direct contact with the residents since last Friday and the other employee works solely in the RPA.

Currently there are three residents in the RPA and two residents in the CHSLD showing symptoms. These residents have been put on preventive isolation and have tested negative for Covid-19 (rapid test). As soon as any resident shows symptoms, they are immediately put on preventive isolation and tested for Covid-19 (rapid test). If the result is negative, the resident must remain on preventive isolation until they no longer show symptoms, rapid tests must be processed every two to three days and monitor symptoms daily for 14 days.

TYPE OF ISOLATION	MEASURES TO APPLY BY EMPLOYEES	PPE TO BE WORN BY EMPLOYEE PRIMARY CAREGIVER
<p><b>Preventive Isolation</b></p> <p>Resident is showing symptoms of Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident to be put on isolation with <u>door closed</u></li> <li><b>Yellow isolation sign posted door identifying PPE</b></li> <li>Set up isolation cart outside resident room</li> <li>Install laundry (clear bag) and garbage bin (black bag) inside resident room</li> <li>Perform rapid test</li> <li><b><u>IF POSITIVE:</u></b></li> <li>Apply <b>RED ZONE</b> measures</li> <li><b><u>IF NEGATIVE:</u></b></li> <li>Perform rapid test every two to three days</li> <li>Lift measures once resident has no more symptoms</li> <li>Monitor symptoms for <u>14 days</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>N95</b> mask, <u>visor</u>, blue gown, and nitril gloves</li> <li>All PPE is to be disposed of and a clean surgical mask and goggles/visor to be applied IF the unit is considered a <i>GREEN ZONE</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>HOT ZONE</b></p> <p>Resident is positive for Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident to be put on isolation with <u>door closed</u></li> <li><b>Red isolation sign posted door identifying PPE</b></li> <li>Setup isolation cart outside resident's room</li> <li>Set up laundry (clear bag) and garbage bin (black bag) inside resident room</li> <li><b>CHSLD:</b> Lift isolation after <u>ten days</u></li> <li><b>RPA:</b> Lift isolation after <u>five</u> days if resident can limit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>N95</b> mask, <u>visor</u>, blue gown, nitril gloves and booties</li> <li>All PPE is to be disposed of and a clean surgical mask and goggles/visor to be applied if the unit is considered a green zone</li> </ul>

	contact with other residents for an additional 5 days and ensure distancing from others. If not, isolation is a minimum of <u>10 days</u>	
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I am pleased to share that in collaboration with our local Pharmacist, Ms Ève Gauthier, we will ensure that all our employees have access to individual rapid tests. The tests will be delivered to the Wales Home and allocated to all employees who have not previously received a rapid test kit. Employees showing symptoms will be asked to test themselves at home; any employee who tests positive for Covid-19 must go to a screening centre to process a PCR test and provide Chantal Richer with a copy of the results.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates and will promptly notify you of any changes. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns (my coordinates are listed below). You can also visit our website for updates: [www.waleshome.ca/all-the-news](http://www.waleshome.ca/all-the-news).

Regards,



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