

Cleveland, Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**RE: EIGHTY-SIXTH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE**

Dear Residents, Employees and Family Members,

Today, we advised public health that four more employees have tested positive for COVID-19. During a meeting with the CIUSSS this afternoon we learned that there are currently 67 facilities in Estrie that are infected with COVID-19.

With the number of current employees who have recently tested positive with Covid-19, we have made four requests from the CIUSSS for support, but they too are lacking manpower and cannot provide resources.

Unfortunately, results from yesterday's mass screening are still pending.

The government released updated guidelines yesterday for visits to long-term care and senior facilities. The amended COVID-19 regulations below outline that visitation can be done by Primary Caregivers only. PRIMARY CAREGIVERS are essential visitors who provide direct care to residents. They may include family members or friends who support daily living activities, cognitive stimulation, communication, meaningful connections, and decision-making assistance. **New regulations do not permit general visitation**; only primary caregivers are authorized to visit, and we ask that each resident mandate four primary caregivers who will be authorized to visit. Visitors must adhere to Public Health directives to be permitted to visit; failure to comply will result in immediate termination of visits.

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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