

Cleveland, Wednesday, January 5th, 2022

RE: EIGHTY-SEVENTH WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees and Family Members,

Public Health has advised the following Covid-19 results from the mass testing processed on January 3rd:

UNIT	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	PENDING RESULTS
Manning/Shaw 2	22	5	2
Shaw 1	1	0	0
Central	2	9	0
Norton 3	29	0	1
Norton 2	31	0	0

Today we have four additional employees who tested positive for Covid-19. Since the beginning of December, we have had a total of 19 employees who have tested positive for Covid-19. Unfortunately, some of the recent infected employees worked on both Manning/Shaw 1 and Norton 2. Public Health has kept Norton 2 on preventive isolation and put Manning/Shaw 1 & 2 back on preventive isolation. Until further notice, Norton 3 is still on preventive isolation. On Saturday, January 8th, the CIUSSS will be onsite to process another mass testing on residents and employees who work on Manning/Shaw 1 & 2, Norton 2 and the two residents who tested negative on Central as well as the employees working on the unit. Employees to be tested, will be advised by management.

Isolation protocols for Employees:

Manning/Shaw 1 & 2:

- All residents are quarantined in their rooms until further notice. Residents who have scheduled baths, are to receive sponge baths in their rooms. Change bedding as usual.
- The hallway is considered a cold zone and employees can wear their visor and mask only.
- When possible, provide care and services to all the residents who tested negative or do not show symptoms at the same time. Before you enter the room, you must apply a clean gown and gloves and dispose of them before you leave the room. If you are going to another room of a resident who tested negative, you do not change your mask and visor; you need to apply a clean gown, gloves between each room.
- Next, provide care and services to the residents who tested positive or show symptoms. Before you enter the room, you must replace your mask with an N-95 mask, re-apply your same visor, apply a gown, gloves, and booties. Before you leave the room, you must remove your gown, gloves, and booties. If you are going to another room of a resident who tested positive or has symptoms, you use the same mask and visor; you need to apply a clean gown, gloves, and booties. After you have provided care/services to the last positive or symptomatic resident, you remove all personal protective equipment and apply a new mask and visor.

- If you must provide care/services to a resident who is positive and then go to a room of a resident who has no symptoms and tested negative for Covid, you must replace all your personal protective equipment.
- If you provide care/services to a resident who has no symptoms and tested negative and then you go to a resident's room who tested positive or shows symptoms, you must replace your mask with an N-95 mask, re-apply your same visor, apply a gown, gloves, and booties.

Meals:

Manning/Shaw 1 & 2: Dining room staff prepares plates – they do not enter the resident's rooms. The caregiver/housekeeping staff deliver food to rooms. Use disposable dishes and utensils. Evening shift – the LPN will deliver the meals to the room.

Breaks:

Manning/Shaw 2 employees: Use Manning kitchenette as break space – employees do not leave the unit. Meals will be provided to employees who are required to stay on the unit.

Manning/Shaw 1 employees: Use breakroom and ensure distancing from others.

Central:

- When possible, provide care and services to the residents who tested negative or do not show symptoms at the same time. If you are going to another room of a resident who tested negative, you do not change your mask and visor; you need to apply a clean gown, gloves, and booties between each room of a resident who tested negative or who does not show symptoms.
- When providing care and services to residents who tested positive or show symptoms, you do not need to replace your N-95 mask, visor or gown when going from a room of a resident who has tested positive or shows symptoms to another room of a resident who has tested positive or shows symptoms. You only need to wash your hands and re-apply clean gloves between these rooms.
- If you must provide care/services to a resident who is positive and then go to a room of a resident who has no symptoms and tested negative for Covid, you must replace all your personal protective equipment.

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.

Regards,



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