

Cleveland, Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers

REGARDING: RSV PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

Public Health has advised that they expect multiple viruses to spread this year and encourage health care facilities to put measures in place to reduce contamination. Our Director of Nursing has implemented new procedures to reduce infections. **Please note that we are not in a pandemic, we are being PROACTIVE.** We apologize for the recent last-minute reorganizations in the dining room. Our goal is to reduce isolations, therefore temporarily reorganizing the dining room will happen from time to time. Residents are encouraged to look at the white board outside the dining room for last minute changes.

RPA: MANNING / SHAW 1 & 2 and Norton 2 are considered in an OUTBREAK:

Increase monitoring of signs and symptoms among residents and employees.

- **Residents, employees, visitors must wear a procedural mask**
 - (Norton 2 residents do not have to wear a mask)
- Residents with symptoms must be in isolation for 5 days
 - **Employees in contact with residents in isolation must wear the following PPE: mask, long-sleeved gown & gloves**
- **After 5 days, if symptoms persist or worsen, inform the doctor**
- **Residents cannot participate in leisure activities off the unit**
- **Residents seating arrangements will be temporarily reorganized in the dining room**
- The **OUTBREAK** is in place for 10 days
- Increase and promote hand hygiene

CHSLD: NORTON 3 is considered in a VIGIE/WATCH:

Increase monitoring of signs and symptoms among residents and employees.

- **All employees and visitors must wear a procedural mask**
- The resident positive with Covid-19 and room mate must be in isolation for 5 days
 - **Employees in contact with the Covid-19 positive resident and roommate, must wear the following PPE: N-95 mask, long-sleeved gown, visor and gloves**
- **After 5 days, if symptoms persist or worsen, inform the doctor**
- All other residents without symptoms can continue to attend activities, whether on or off the unit
- The **VIGIE/WATCH** is in place for 10 days
- Increase and promote hand hygiene

Please be advised that on Friday, October 20th, 2023 the vaccination mobile team will be onsite to administer the Flu, pneumovax and Covid vaccines to eligible residents living in the Wales.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Nursing, Audrey Beauchesne at abeauchesne@waleshome.ca or 819-826-3266 extension 224. You can also visit our website at <https://waleshome.ca/all-the-news>.

Sincerely,



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