

October 22, 2020- Hawthorne Place Staff Update

As I shared previously, we are in daily contact with Public Health, and effective this afternoon they have declared a COVID-19 outbreak on the **3rd floor**. This outbreak was declared based on two staff members receiving positive COVID-19 test results. Both staff members are self-isolating at home and are asymptomatic. Currently, there are no residents exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. We are closely monitoring all residents and staff for any symptoms of COVID-19.

We have isolated all residents on the 3rd floor, they will receive in-room meal service and we have implemented droplet-contact precautions as a prevention measure. All residents have been swabbed and we await the results from Public Health.

Please continue to follow all infection and prevention control protocols, including active screening twice daily, physical distancing, and using appropriate PPE, including masks, face shields/goggles at all times. Additionally, we have implemented enhanced cleaning and sanitation measures throughout the home, including bringing in additional housekeeping staff. Please ensure you are not coming into work if experiencing any symptoms and visiting your nearest assessment centre for testing.

All staff working on the 3rd floor will remain on the 3rd floor (cohorting) to minimize exposure to other floors. Staff on the 3rd floor will only enter and exit from the conva side door- and use the stairway. Breaks will be taken in the dining room, on the unit while practising physical distancing. No staff is to leave the unit at any time, unless leaving at the end of their shift.

We are here for you, we have a plan, and things are under control even as we navigate these difficult times. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your supervisor or to me directly. I will provide another update as soon as I have any new information to share.