



Weekly Tenant Update

September 27, 2020

News and updates re: COVID-19

We are sad to report that a staff member from the Assisted Living Program has tested positive for Covid-19. The staff member is currently self isolating at home. We wish the individual a speedy recovery. This staff member last worked on Tuesday Sept. 22nd with clients in the congregate spaces, in Commissionaires Ottawa Place. This staff member was tested on Monday Sept. 21st as part of the government mandated regular two-week testing of staff at the Perley Rideau and received a negative test result. The staff was tested again on Friday Sept. 25th after becoming symptomatic and received a positive test result. To date there is no evidence that the virus has passed to tenants, clients or other staff members.

We are in communication with Public Health and at this time, the risk of transmission to tenants, clients and other staff members is considered low. With this being said, the following precautions have been put in place to be extra safe:

- All tenants/clients who had any contact with this staff member during the last shift worked will be tested for Covid-19 in the coming days
- All staff members working in Commissionaires Ottawa Place will be wearing visors on top of their masks effective immediately for added protection.



- All tenants/clients in the congregate spaces continue to have their temperatures monitored.
- Visitors will be restricted to essential visitors only in our congregate living areas (200, 300, 400 and 500 Place).
- All essential visitors must sign in and wear a mask at all times.
- Meals will to be served in tenant apartments and the dining room area for congregate living tenants with social distancing precautions in place. All tenants who are on the meal plan who reside outside of the congregate living areas will continue to get their meals delivered.
- All activities in the common areas including Wed. tea & coffee socials, Sunday mass and Great Hall reservations are cancelled until further notice.
- We strongly encourage all other tenants to limit visitors to essential visits only at this time.
- We strongly encourage tenants not to have others in their apartment at this time.

Contact tracing has been completed and we have determined that the risk of transmission by this staff member is low. The precautions put in place are to be extra safe given that our community in general is part of the high-risk population if infected with the Covid-19 virus.

We encourage all tenants to continue taking all precautions to protect yourselves as well as others around you.

- Wear your mask at all times when outside of your apartment – see attachment for instructions on how to properly wear your mask.
- Practise proper hand hygiene – see attachment for recommendations.
- Continue to social distance. Stay 6 feet apart from anyone who does not reside in your apartment.
- Avoid leaving the apartment building and Perley Rideau grounds unless absolutely necessary. Community spread is on the rise. Use our grocery delivery program when possible, avoid public places where large crowds are possible etc.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office staff.