

family, resident, and staff update

May 18, 2023

3rd Floor- GI (Gastro-Intestinal) Outbreak

Dear Saint Thomas families, residents, and staff,

We learned this morning Thurs., May 18, 2023 that there are 4 symptomatic residents (3rd Floor only) now isolating in their rooms with GI symptoms for at least the next 48 hours or until symptoms clear. Specific PPE and enhanced infection control and prevention Droplet and Contact precautions are in place for these affected residents.

As precautionary measures, we have:

- arranged for meal tray service and snacks to be delivered by staff to the 4 isolating residents in their rooms
- cancelled 3rd floor recreation activities that will promote congregation of residents (symptomatic and asymptomatic)
- postponed new resident admissions on the affected unit (3rd floor) until the outbreak is declared over
- emphasized enhanced and frequent hand hygiene
- enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces (2x/day)
- posted outbreak signage to notify visitors and staff of illness in the facility

We are doing all we can to contain the outbreak, working closely with our zone's Medical Officer of Health and Alberta Health Services. We are monitoring residents very closely.

If you are feeling unwell, please delay, reschedule and visit at another later time.

As with previous outbreaks, the outbreak status will be updated at covenantcare.ca by 6 pm every Thursday. Please direct questions to me at 780-450-2987 ext. 244 or email

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Thank you for your continued support, patience, and understanding.

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