

family, resident, and staff update

October 18, 2023

Outbreak ILI – Influenza-Like Illness-**3rd FLOOR ONLY**

Dear Saint Thomas families, residents, and staff,

We learned today, Wed., October 18, 2023 on the 3rd floor that at least three (3) residents are now symptomatic with Influenza-Like Illness and are isolating in their suites.

Mandatory masking and wearing face shields continuously is required for all staff, family and visitors on 3rd floor only. PPE supplies are located at the front entry at St. Thomas at the Sign-In Binder as well as 3rd floor Nursing Station for staff, family and visitors.

As precautionary measures, we have:

- Increased hand hygiene is recommended
- All symptomatic residents are on isolation
- High touch cleaning is done 3 times per day
- Visitors welcome, but please ensure you are healthy and asymptomatic
- Room meal service and snack delivery for all 3rd floor residents.
- 3rd floor staff will now be cohorting for meal breaks remaining on the 3rd floor
- Resident group recreation programs are temporarily on hold for 3rd floor residents only and Recreation will now be planning on one-on-one recreation activities for 3rd floor residents

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.

As with previous outbreaks, the outbreak status will be updated at covenantcare.ca by 6 pm every Thursday. Please direct questions to our Resident Care Manager, Gena Mymko at 780-450-2987 ext. 250 or email admin@covenantcare.ca.

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

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