

family, resident, and staff update

Feb. 12, 2025

GASTRO-INTESTINAL OUTBREAK -3RD FLOOR

Dear Saint Thomas families, residents, and staff,

We learned yesterday, Feb. 11th that we have a Gastro-Intestinal Outbreak declared on 3rd floor in supportive living-Type B.

Environmental Public Health has been called and all recommendations related to Droplet & Contact Precautions are being followed. As precautionary measures, we continue to have:

- 3rd floor has been isolated, with staff working only that unit, as much as possible.
- All staff are wearing the Personal Protective Equipment recommended by Public Health to prevent further spread and the interdisciplinary team is closely monitoring all residents and staff. We have also provided additional reminders about performing good hand hygiene.
- Visitation has not been halted, but is discouraged from occurring with more than one person at a time. Good hand hygiene and use of recommended protective equipment is required, dependent on the area you are in and the status of the resident.

Please see staff for details when visiting your loved one. Signage for appropriate PPE is posted on the 3rd floor.

- Additional high touch cleaning has been implemented.

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 me at 780-450-2987 ext. 244 or email admin@covenantcare.ca.

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

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