



Hello Family and loved ones,

As of October 15, 2023, Fred Douglas Lodge has 3 COVID-19 positive residents in Willow and implemented outbreak measures. These residents have been isolated as early as Thursday; staff have been on high alert due to information of a probable exposure so we were able to isolate even before symptoms have developed. Communication to WRHA has already been sent. We are expecting an official declaration to be made by the region tomorrow, October 16, 2023.

Fred Douglas Lodge will do a weekly family update regarding the outbreak as we have done previously. Here are the numbers as of October 15, 2023 13:00.

As of October 15, 2023- 13:00

Unit	Active Cases	Pending Swabs	Resolved Cases	Tentative date for outbreak resolution**
Spruce	1 COVID + (not acquired from Fred Douglas)	0	0	Not on outbreak
Evergreen	0	0	n/a	n/a
Willow	3 COVID +	0	0	October 26, 2023
Maple/Elm	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oak	0	n/a	n/a	n/a

Where n/a: not applicable

\*\*Date may change based on pending swabs and results

We continue to work with WRHA Infection control representatives to follow protocol and stop the spread of the virus in our home. We are on high alert and implementing mask mandates for all staff, as well as monitoring all residents closely.

**At this time we are also asking *All family visiting the home, regardless of the unit, to wear a mask to prevent the spread of the virus.***

**As part of outbreak measures, here are additional visitation guidelines for the WILLOW unit according to shared health:**

- Designated family caregivers can continue to visit to meet care needs of the resident/patient. There will be a maximum of 2 visitors per room. General visitors are not normally permitted during an outbreak except in certain situations (ex. End of life)
- Visitors are to stay in resident's room.



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- Visitors are also to wear eye shields. Gowns and gloves are only necessary based on point of care risk assessment- please ask your nurse if you will be providing direct care for the resident
- Visitors are to perform hand hygiene before and after visiting the unit, as well as before and after entering the resident's room
- Visitors must not come in if they themselves have respiratory symptoms

On another note, Fred Douglas Lodge will have some available flu vaccines to family and will have a vaccine clinic set up. Dates will be based on vaccination staff availability, if you would like to get vaccinated, please ensure you have your PHIN number with you.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation! If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at [infectioncontrol@fdl.mb.ca](mailto:infectioncontrol@fdl.mb.ca) or call at (204) 586-8541, ext (117).

Sincerely,

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