

Region of Waterloo Wellington Public Health
Notice of Surveillance COVID-19 Testing at all LTC and Retirement Homes
St. Jacobs Place Retirement Residence Testing
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Beginning at 1:30pm

Please note that the **Government of Ontario has mandated that all the people living and working in Long Term Care and Retirement Homes will be tested for COVID-19.**

Please note that **Waterloo Wellington Public Health officials** will arrive at St. Jacobs Place **Tuesday, June 2nd beginning at 1:30pm.** They will go door to door to each resident suite to conduct the swab testing for COVID-19. We are told now the results take approximately 7 days to return.

Please note that some people who show no symptoms have been proven to have the COVID-19 virus, which is why our infection prevention and control measures are so vital.

A reminder that to be declared “in outbreak” only one person in our community (either resident or staff member) need to test positive for COVID-19. Let’s keep our fingers crossed we are as healthy as we all present today!

Use this testing as a reminder of the importance of:

- proper hand hygiene,
- properly wearing our surgical masks, staying self isolated,
- and at least 6 feet away from others while outside of your suite.

We are so proud of everyone’s efforts, especially because we understand and experience ourselves how hard this has been. We are at the mercy of a virus the medical community is trying to get ahead of, and by taking these measures in our lives, we are staying healthy.

In our Waterloo Wellington health region to date:

- 10 Long Term Care / Retirement Homes currently in outbreak
- 37 Long Term Care / Retirement Homes to date have suffered outbreak

We are so pleased to celebrate our success in warding off this virus for so long in the face of these staggering numbers. **Let’s keep it up!**