



March 1, 2021

Attention staff, residents, families and friends of Palisade Gardens and James Club:

We would like to inform everyone that starting tomorrow, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be administering weekly mandatory Panbio Rapid Antigen Surveillance Testing at Palisade Gardens for all staff, essential visitors and care providers on a first come, first serve basis.

The tests will be administered each week from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the first clinic beginning tomorrow in the library. To be tested please enter the library through the door next to the harmony door and exit through the main entry. Please note that moving forward essential care givers and outside care providers will need to be tested prior to entering Palisade Gardens and James Club.

Once your swab is complete you will need to wait for your results. Those individuals who test positive will be provided further direction and Public Health will be informed. Anyone who does test positive will be required to get a PCR swab done.

Rapid antigen screening produces results within 20 minutes allowing us to better protect the Palisade Gardens and James Club communities and ensure the virus stays out. It is used for screening purposes only, not for diagnosing acute COVID-19 infections. It should be considered an additional screening tool and does not replace Public Health measures such as symptom screening, physical distancing, masking and hand hygiene which should continue to be practiced diligently.

Should you have any questions or would like more information about the tests please contact Micki or Dana directly.

Sincerely

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