

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION
NORTHWOOD HALIFAX COVID-19 DEATHS CLASS ACTION

Class Members are advised of certification of a class action arising from the deaths of Residents of the Northwood Halifax Long-Term Care Facility who passed away due to COVID-19 or COVID-19 complications from March 15 to June 30, 2020. The class action is against Northwood Halifax (a group of related companies that operate, manage, and supervise the provision of long-term care at the facility located at Northwood Terrace, Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia) (the “Defendants”).

Who is included?

“Class Members” are the executors or administrators of the estates of the persons deceased or family members who are entitled to bring action under the *Fatal Injuries Act*, RSNS 1989, c 163, including the spouse, common-law partner, parent or children as defined therein, of Residents of the Northwood Halifax Long-Term Care Facility who passed away due to COVID-19 or COVID-19 complications from March 15 to June 30, 2020.

What is the class action about?

The lawsuit alleges negligence against Northwood Halifax. Specifically, the Plaintiff claims that the Defendants’ practices, policies, and procedures, and lack thereof, caused or contributed to the spread of COVID-19 through elderly and vulnerable Residents at Northwood. The action claims that the wrongdoing of Northwood Halifax caused or contributed to the untimely deaths of Residents, and the related harms, losses, and damages to Class Members. It is alleged that the Defendants had knowledge of the dangers posed by the COVID-19 pandemic to which the Northwood Halifax Residents were uniquely vulnerable, yet they maintained the *status quo* at the cost of numerous individuals’ safety and lives.

Do I have to pay anything to participate? How are the lawyers paid?

You do not have to pay anything out of pocket to participate in the class action, and you will not be liable for any legal costs of the Defendants should the trial be unsuccessful. The Representative Plaintiff has entered into a Contingency Fee Agreement with Wagners (“Class Counsel”), in which Class Counsel has agreed to act on the basis that they will not be paid any legal fees unless and until Class Members receive compensation. Class Counsel will pay for all case expenses incurred in advancing the case, and if the case is successful, Class Counsel will apply to the Court at the conclusion of the case to be reimbursed for these case expenses, in addition to legal fees. If the case is not successfully settled or tried, Class Counsel will not be paid or be reimbursed for any expenses.

What if I don't want to participate in the class action?

If you are a Class Member, you do not need to do anything at this point to benefit from any eventual ruling on the common issues. A judgment on the common issues, favourable or not, will bind all Class Members who do not opt-out. If you do not want to participate in the class action, you must opt-out by sending an Opt-Out Form to Wagners to be received on or before **September 15, 2025**. If you opt-out, you will not be entitled to share in any recovery or take the benefit of any ruling or settlement in this case.

More information:

For more information visit the following website, <https://wagners.co/current-class-actions/> telephone 1-800-465-8794 or 902-425-7330, email classaction@wagners.co, or contact us by mail at:

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Do not Contact the Court about this Certification.