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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, I hope everyone is staying well in the community, practicing social distancing and staying home except for essential activities. This is a difficult time for everyone and St. Pat's will continue to maintain.

We have received information from a family about the Dykeland Nursing Home in Windsor, N.S., who set up a visiting window. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/nursing-homes-covid-19-health-care-1.5500555>. I am so impressed with the creativity that abounds in challenging times. We are very excited about learning from others and would like to get this set up for families and residents at St. Pat's. We will also proceed with the skype and telephone calls between residents and families.

If you would be interested in setting up a 'window' visit instead of a skype visit, please respond to Cheryl Elliott, via email and she will coordinate making this happen. The location will be at the end of the front porch for you and the resident will be inside in our small Boardroom. The logistics will be worked out, but as a start a schedule will need to be developed to ensure that everyone who wants to visit has a chance. As you know we do not have volunteers now to assist with portering residents, so we will be asking staff to assist residents in getting to the Boardroom as well as facilitating phone calls and skype visits.

Once again thank you for your patience as we get our communication systems running smoothly.

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