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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, the home is COVID-19 free as of the writing of this update. Good news on a Friday!

If you are coming by St. Pat's for a window visit or to drop off a package for your loved one, please take a moment to read the messages that the staff of St. Pat's have written to you at the front door. They are thinking of you during this difficult time of separation and wanted to send some word of encouragement to you. I am including some of these wonderful messages for people who may not be able to see them personally.



- We will continue to care for them like our own loved ones.
- I will make sure they laugh.
- I love and look after each resident like a family member.
- Your loved ones will never feel alone. We will keep them safe.
- I sat with a loved one today at lunch, we shared laughs and smiles.
- We have stepped up to give more hugs.
- We are well and hope you all are too.

Provincial COVID-19 Testing

As you have heard in the news, the province will be expanding COVID-19 testing in all long-term care homes in the province. This will include proactive surveillance testing to understand the current status of COVID-19 in individual homes, including the targeted testing of asymptomatic residents and staff. Each Public Health Unit (PHU) has been directed to develop a local implementation plan, in coordination with the Ontario Health region and Ministry of LTC region, to facilitate testing of every resident and staff at each long-term care home. The PHU should prioritize homes with a 'red' status and homes currently in outbreak with residents or staff showing symptoms.

St. Pat's has not yet been contacted regarding the Ottawa PHU's implementation plan, as we are not identified as a 'red' status (although we do not know the criteria for this) nor are we in outbreak therefore we are not identified as a priority. I will keep you updated as we hear information about this plan.

Mother's Day

The team here is looking at creating a special tribute to "The Mothers of St. Patrick's Home" to show all of them the love and appreciation they deserve. We are asking families to send cards made out to the "The Mothers of St. Patrick's Home" with a handwritten note by May 8, 2020. We will then post these cards for everyone. The mothers of St. Pat's are our residents, RN, RPN, PSW'S, laundry, dietary, and housekeeping staff, recreation and administrative staff. This will be a recognition for all of the mothers that live and work here.

The cards can be sent to the attention of: Kathy Thompson/ Robert Ienzi and we will forward them on to recreation and to create the display for everyone to enjoy.

Stay safe and well,

Janet Morris
President & CEO