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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we are receiving our test results back for the residents living on Waterford and we have now received results for all of the 28 residents tested on Wednesday.

We have 5 more residents who although asymptomatic have a positive test result. Therefore, there are a current total of 7 residents who are COVID-19 positive.

Their families have been informed personally about this positive test result. We will certainly continue to monitor them for any symptoms and signs of any illness.

This is very difficult news for everyone, the families, the staff and certainly residents. These residents although asymptomatic remain on isolation with all the necessary PPE worn by anyone entering their room.

The good news is that there are 23 residents who are negative and no longer require the use of droplet precaution PPE.

The staff members who had worked on Waterford were tested. We have not yet received all of the test results today.

There is one positive result for a staff member today who is asymptomatic. This staff member has not worked on any other home areas in the past week. We are thinking of them and wish them a speedy recovery at home. Any staff member who is ill or tests positive for COVID stays at home and is not working.

All other residents within the home will be screened tomorrow by Public Health. This will give us a picture of whether there are other asymptomatic residents who are positive for COVID-19.

Staff working tomorrow will be screened as well and other staff are also able to come in to be screened.

The reality of COVID-19 is that the case definition has evolved and changed over the course of this pandemic as more about this illness is understood. We know from the experience in other homes when they screened staff and residents that asymptomatic cases were identified. We should have the results from our screening on Saturday by Monday.

Keep the staff and residents at St. Pat's in your thoughts and prayers.

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