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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we are having another quiet day, with no further positive cases as of today.

I am so pleased to be able to let you know that we have another resident on Waterford who is now considered recovered from Covid19. We are very thankful that we now have four of the residents who have recovered.

Unfortunately, given we had one new positive case, St. Pat's will be in outbreak for a minimum of an additional 14 days as of May 15, assuming no further cases as per the Public Health guidance. We are continuing to have discussions with Public Health about what is possible for resident activities even if we are in outbreak. We will keep you posted on this as we get further clarification going forward.

With the warmer weather, the idea of having a 'porch visit' (as an alternative to a window visit) has been raised by a family member. We have had the discussion with Public Health and they are agreeable within the following parameters:

1. These visits will be booked in place of a window visit.
2. The resident must be accompanied by a staff to come to the porch.
3. The residents must wear a mask while moving in the building.
4. The resident would sit on the porch.
5. Family would stand on the other side of the porch railing beyond 2 meters. There is a line on the pavement that family would stand behind for the visit.
6. There can be no physical contact between the family and the resident.

There are many considerations to think about for this format, including the weather on any given day as family will not be protected from the elements, the level of hearing of both the resident and the family member, the ability of the resident to understand why their family is so far away and strict adherence to the protocol established by Public Health. If you have an interest in trying this type of visit please contact Cheryl Elliott cherylelliott@stpats.ca to set this up. Please also provide her any feedback if you do participate in a 'porch visit'.

We will continue to care for the residents here while you care for yourself at home.

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