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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we are very happy to let you know that we have received no further positive test results.

In further discussion with Public Health today we have requested that additional testing be done on Kerry so we can fully understand the situation. At present there is one positive case and no further positive cases identified following preliminary testing. We will be proceeding with swabs for those residents living in the same hallway as per Public Health approval. The family members of those residents who will be tested have been contacted regarding this additional testing. Public Health has implemented additional precautions on Kerry as we complete this testing. This means that the whole home area is considered in outbreak and unfortunately, we cannot do window or porch visits at this time **for the residents living on Kerry**.

The residents who were positive for Covid19 on Waterford are improving and stable, and we anticipate that public health will soon consider Waterford Covid19 free, if nothing else changes! Once the home area is declared Covid19 free all of these residents will be able to participate in window or porch visits. I know that everyone is anxiously awaiting this day! We are in continuous discussion with Public Health on this matter.

Galway remains in enteric outbreak, but we are hopeful that we can soon resolve this outbreak as well.

A message from St. Pat's Family and Friends Council is attached to this update.

Be safe and well,

Janet Morris
President & CEO

A Message from Family and Friends Council

We know that families are finding this time difficult as we are not able to be with our family members. There are discussions going on at various levels across Ontario to develop an approach to enable safe visits to resume. **The following is a request from Family Councils Ontario.** They are requesting input from families with their efforts at the provincial level. We encourage you to submit your questions and suggestions to **Samantha Peck, Executive Director, Family Councils Ontario at the email address below.**

"We are continuing to work with our sector partners and the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care to develop leading practices, procedures, and guidelines for resuming visits to residents in Long Term Care homes. To do this, we need to hear from you. Please get in touch to share your questions, ideas, and suggestions. We will compile and analyze the feedback and share it with the Ministry and other stakeholders in order to inform plans to re-open homes. With your support, LTC homes will again be places where residents and their families can gather together. Email me at speck@fco.ngo. "

Thinking of you,
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