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## **UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Hello, Waterford is now clear and out of outbreak precautions, as all of the public health criteria has been met. The residents on Waterford can now participate in window and porch visits. I am very thankful to the staff who have been working on Waterford for their great work in containing this invisible virus. Thank you for the dedication you have shown to the residents.

We have no further positive test results today. Kerry remains on isolation precautions unfortunately until May 30.

Porch visits continued on the weekend, however, the public health guidance is very important to follow. Public Health has made it very clear that if these requirements are followed then we can continue the visits, but if the guidance is not followed that we will not be able to continue to offer this type of visit. I am including the requirements again today for a reminder:

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 **be** on the porch. **If the resident moves forward toward the railing the visitors would move back.**
5. Family would stand on the other side of the porch railing beyond 2 meters. The minimum 2 meter separation must be maintained at all times.
6. There can be no physical contact between the family and the resident.

We are welcoming a number of new people to St. Pat's starting today and continuing this week. Over the past few weeks we have been having discussions with various external partners to complement our staffing. This week we will see some additional supports within the home both from external partners and also a number of newly hired staff.

1. We have a number of staff from the Ottawa hospital working in a PSW role, with some starting today for orientation and others being phased in over this week. They will be working on all shifts following their orientation on the day shift.
2. RPN students are starting on Tuesday to complete their preceptorship, which is their final placement.
3. Orientation is occurring today for some additional St. Pat's staff including PSW's and the new role of social engagement working with the recreation team.

Take good care,

**Janet Morris**  
President & CEO

## **A Message from Family and Friends Council**

Your Family and Friends Council has been very busy over the past few weeks. We have been consulting with various stakeholders, to allow **a family member access to the home as a designated care provider**. We are lobbying various politicians and organizations through a letter writing campaign.

Currently families are able to enter the Home when a resident is gravely ill or palliative and this has been a comfort to families.

We are not advocating for a return to unlimited visiting but for one designated family member to be able to enter the Home under well defined requirements.

If you would like more information on this initiative, have comments or suggestions or want to get involved please contact:

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