



June 1, 2020

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

Hello, we have no new positive results from residents swabs, however unfortunately we received notice this morning that a staff member has tested positive. The staff member was being tested as a result of contact surveillance and is asymptomatic. They are now on isolation at home and we wish them continued health. Public Health is not testing residents at this time as residents are not considered close contacts due to the use of universal PPE within the home.

The definition of outbreak is when one resident or one staff member tests positive, which means that St. Pat's remains in outbreak. This is very unfortunate news. We have had further discussion with Ottawa Public Health to determine what this means for residents. We can proceed with our modified dining plan, with 7-8 people in the dining room for each meal. Residents will have one meal in the dining room every second day based upon a rotating schedule. We will implement this in the next couple of days. Residents will be able to go the Larry Kelly Family garden on a scheduled basis with only other residents from their home area and will be supervised to ensure all maintain the 2m physical distancing. Porch and window visits will continue and can now include the residents from Kerry.

We received notice yesterday from the Ministry of Long-Term Care that all staff in LTC homes across the province will be tested as a surveillance strategy. This will mean that each staff member at St. Pat's will be tested twice in the month of June. We are now looking at the options of getting this testing completed. This is a very important strategy and we appreciate that we can now test staff more regularly.

Be strong and healthy,

**Janet Morris**  
President & CEO