



June 15, 2020

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, today we are officially out of outbreak following public health's review!! The staff surveillance testing done last week returned only negative results and we have had no positive residents! Although we are not in outbreak, we must still follow a number of infection prevention and control guidelines similar to those you are experiencing in the community. Staff will still wear masks at all times, staff are maintaining physical distancing as much as possible, resident and staff from different home areas are not interacting, we must maintain resident physical distancing within home areas at all times including at meal times, hand hygiene remains a high priority, and cleaning high touch surfaces is enhanced in public areas.

We have been reviewing the new guidelines from the Ministry of Long Term Care which were provided on Friday and have now developed a plan for their implementation at St. Pat's. Families who are planning on visiting will need to have a negative Covid19 test within the past two weeks. This link identifies the Ottawa Public Health testing sites:
<https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/shared-content/assessment-centres.aspx>

Attached to this update you will see a schedule of the garden visits by resident home area.

We know that there are many residents who have multiple members of their family who would like to visit, however, the guidelines are clear on one visitor only at this time. We recognize that the porch visits were more flexible, however, now that there are provincial guidelines we are obliged to follow these. We will be implementing the visits based upon this schedule as a trial, and we will re-evaluate as we work through this new process.

There are a few time slots each week for the various resident home areas. We would ask that the power of attorney for care (POA) or the substitute decision maker (SDM) be the person calling to schedule the appointment. If you are the POA or SDM you can designate a different person to visit, however, that would be the once weekly visit. We will start booking tomorrow for the week of June 18 to June 24.

Please contact Reception to schedule your appointment between 0800 and 2000 hours starting tomorrow. The schedules will be booked by the resident's room number and the name of the person who will be visiting. There is a requirement to keep a list of visitors, so we need to know who has visited. Once a resident has a visit scheduled we will not be able to schedule any further visits during that week so that we can ensure that everyone who is interested has an appointment. There will be a maximum of 10 residents at a time in the garden.

Families will enter the garden via the gate at the back of the garden. Please proceed down the sidewalk on the left (East) side of the building beside the porch. There will be a screening table located at the gate. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before your scheduled visit time to allow for the full active screening process. While you are being screened, the residents will be coming to the garden. Once the visit time arrives, families will enter the garden and go to their loved one for the visit. We know that for some residents the length of the visit will be determined by their tolerance but all visits will be for a maximum of ½ hour. We will then clean the chairs and touch points in the garden, and get ready for the next group of residents to arrive.

We have reviewed the skype and facetime virtual visits opportunities and will be able to continue these with some rescheduling. The Social Engagement Aides will be supporting residents to get to the garden for the garden visits. If there are virtual visits scheduled during these times, they will be rescheduling those times with you directly. Thank you for your flexibility in advance.

At this time porch and window visits will not be scheduled. We will keep reviewing this as we get a better understanding of the garden visit process. I know that this is a change for some families and we know that for some it is not your preference but at this time we need to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to have a visit if they want one. Depending on the demand and how many visits are scheduled, we will review other options at a later date.

One final request, if your loved one does not have a hat, could you bring one in and leave it on the shelving between the front doors? The visits are outside and we want to ensure that residents are protected.

Be well,

Janet Morris
President & CEO

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June 18, 2020	Galway	Cavan	Carlow	Donegal
June 19, 2020	Dublin	Kilkenny	Kerry	Waterford
June 20, 2020	Wexford	Galway	Cavan	Carlow
June 21, 2020	Donegal	Dublin	Kilkenney	Kerry
June 22, 2020	Waterford	Wexford	Galway	Cavan
June 23, 2020	Carlow	Donegal	Dublin	Kilkenny
June 24, 2020	Kerry	Waterford	Wexford	Galway
June 25, 2020	Cavan	Carlow	Donegal	Dublin
June 26, 2020	Kilkenny	Kerry	Waterford	Wexford
June 27, 2020	Galway	Cavan	Carlow	Donegal
June 28, 2020	Dublin	Kilkenny	Kerry	Waterford
June 29, 2020	Wexford	Galway	Cavan	Carlow
June 30, 2020	Donegal	Dublin	Kilkenney	Kerry
July 1, 2020	Waterford	Wexford	Galway	Cavan
July 2, 2020	Carlow	Donegal	Dublin	Kilkenny
July 3, 2020	Kerry	Waterford	Wexford	Galway
July 4, 2020	Cavan	Carlow	Donegal	Dublin
July 5, 2020	Kilkenny	Kerry	Waterford	Wexford
July 6, 2020	Galway	Cavan	Carlow	Donegal
July 7, 2020	Dublin	Kilkenny	Kerry	Waterford
July 8, 2020	Wexford	Galway	Cavan	Carlow
July 9, 2020	Donegal	Dublin	Kilkenney	Kerry
July 10, 2020	Waterford	Wexford	Galway	Cavan
July 11, 2020	Carlow	Donegal	Dublin	Kilkenny
July 12, 2020	Kerry	Waterford	Wexford	Galway
July 13, 2020	Cavan	Carlow	Donegal	Dublin
July 14, 2020	Kilkenny	Kerry	Waterford	Wexford
July 15, 2020	Galway	Cavan	Carlow	Donegal
July 16, 2020	Dublin	Kilkenny	Kerry	Waterford
July 17, 2020	Wexford	Galway	Cavan	Carlow
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