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

Hello, we continue to have no Covid positive cases at St. Pat's.

There have been a number of questions from families about resuming porch visits. The reality is now that the Ministry of Long Term Care has published guidelines, which were previously provided in an Update, these guidelines are applicable to the porch visits as these fall into the category of outdoor visits. We had implemented the porch visits prior to any guidelines being developed by the Ministry and therefore could develop our own process. Unfortunately, now that the Ministry has provided guidelines on outdoor visits, which include porch visits we are required to follow them.

All outdoor visits require family visitors to have a negative Covid test within the past 14 days, there can only be one visitor at a time, and that person must wear a mask and be physically distanced. Each home is required to have available a weekly visit for each resident in the home which requires the option of 40 visits per day being available and the staff resources to assist residents to and from the garden. We have therefore implemented the garden visits as our outdoor visit option to meet all of the Ministry requirements.

Virtual visits, skype and facetime, remain an option as well for families, recognizing that the Social Engagement Aides are assisting with garden visits and will not be available to also do virtual visits at the same time.

Saturday we had the Preston BIA here with the Italian cars and today we have some pictures.

Be well and safe,

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