



July 17, 2020

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we are happy to report that we remain COVID-19 free!

Yesterday, we received further direction from the province regarding COVID-19 testing for staff. The guidance is that staff will continue to be tested every two weeks until further notice. We will be testing on-site for all staff next week.

As mentioned in yesterday's update, indoor visits will begin on July 22, 2020. The Leadership Team is in the process of developing processes and rules for indoor visiting. We are hoping to have these guidelines finalized to share with you on Monday. A copy of the Visitor Rules, as well as educational hand outs regarding hand hygiene and proper mask use, will be provided to each visitor when they arrive for their first visit. Visitors will be required to agree to comply with these rules when they are screened. Just a reminder that COVID-19 testing is required for indoor visiting but is not required for outdoor visiting.

Please find appended this week's Resident Update, a hard copy of which is distributed to Residents by recreation staff. Various staff members report reading the update to Residents who are unable to read it themselves but appreciate hearing the weekly news. The update is based on a template created by the Ontario Association of Residents' Councils.

Stay safe and well,

The St. Pat's Leadership Team

Resident Update, July 16, 2020

Dear Resident:

St. Patrick's Home continues to implement changes and shifts in routine related to the management of the COVID-19 virus. Our team is always available to answer your questions and to ensure you feel supported during this time.

CURRENT COVID-19 STATUS IN OUR HOME:

- We are delighted to report that at this time there are **no** active Resident or staff cases of COVID-19!

A SINCERE THANK YOU:

- We wish to salute you, the Residents of St. Patrick's Home, for everything you have done to help fight the virus. Thank you **so** much for your ongoing assistance and cooperation!

GARDEN VISITS:

- The Ontario government announced yesterday that **effective immediately** two visitors may visit at a time for outdoor visits, and visitors are no longer required to verbally attest that they have tested negative for COVID-19 within the previous two weeks. You may book garden visits by talking with the receptionist in person, or by calling extension 221.

INDOOR VISITS:

- We're delighted to report a second new development: The Ontario government announced yesterday that effective July 22 two visitors may visit at a time for indoor visits. The government requires Homes to establish practices that: (1) Provide meaningful and equitable access to visits for all Residents; and, (2) Consider the staffing and space capacity available to the home to maintain safety of Residents, staff and visitors. Homes will have discretion in scheduling and must take into account the directives in place at the time and whether the visitor is an essential caregiver (e.g. supports with feeding etc.). Homes may regulate the number of visitors to the home at any one time. Visitors must wear a surgical/procedure mask at all times. The Home's leadership team is busy developing procedures for indoor visits that meet government requirements. We look forward to welcoming back family members, friends, and caregivers.

HAIR SALON:

- For the next two weeks, stylist Jo-Anne will offer service as follows:
Week 1 (starting July 20): Monday – Dublin, Tuesday – Carlow, Wednesday – Galway (morning only), Thursday – Kerry, Friday – Waterford.
Week 2 (starting July 27): Monday – Donegal, Tuesday – Cavan, Wednesday – Galway (morning only), Thursday – Kilkenny, Friday – Wexford.
- You may have to wait longer than usual to see Jo-Anne, because she's working alone, and a maximum of two Residents may be in the salon at any one time. You may reach Jo-Anne at extension 228.

ENTERTAINMENT:

- Here's next week's line-up on **channel 49** of your TV set:
- Monday, July 20 at 2 p.m. – Hymns with **André**.
- Wednesday, July 22 at 2:30 p.m. – Rob's Room (with **Robert lenzi**).
- Thursday, July 23 at 2 p.m. – Musician **Anne Hurley**.

RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

- Residents' Council held a modified meeting on July 16. This was Council's first meeting since the pandemic. One member from each participating Home Area attended a virtual meeting using the Resident computer in the Sun Room. Council invited Paul Harris, Manager of Support Services, to attend the meeting. Paul talked with members about the new menu, which members had received in advance of the meeting. Now that members have familiarized themselves with Zoom, Council's next goal is to safely include more members in future meetings.
- Council expressed its sincere thanks to Dragana Ghezzi (IT Coordinator), recreation staff, and the social engagement aides for their invaluable help with the meeting.

YOUR THOUGHTS:

- We want your feedback! Please let us know what you would like to see included in this update, what we should omit, and any other recommendations you have. Please share your feedback with David Wainwright, Coordinator, Resident & Family Services, at ext. 280, or inform a member of your care team that you wish to speak with David.