



July 24, 2020

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

We remain COVID-19 free! Over 300 staff members have been tested this week and on-site testing continues today.

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.

We were pleased to see so many familiar faces return to St. Pat's this week. We know that our residents are thrilled to have their family and friends visiting again! Indoor visitors are able to bring their loved ones outside in the front areas of the building to enjoy some fresh air. It is preferred if they keep the garden visits open for those that are not visiting indoors at this time. If you are now visiting indoors and wish to cancel your garden visit please let reception know.



Have a great weekend and be safe,

**The St. Pat's Leadership Team**

# Resident Update, July 23, 2020

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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!
- COVID testing for staff will take place July 22, 23 and 24.
- We urge all members of the Home community to continue practicing exemplary infection prevention and control strategies, which include regular hand hygiene, maintaining a safe physical distance from others, and wearing appropriate personal protective equipment. A sincere Thank You to everyone for your cooperation! We are blessed to have a cohesive community whose members are intent on doing the right thing.

## **INDOOR VISITS:**

- Indoor visits started yesterday. If you visited reception yesterday, you no doubt saw the colourful decorations that welcomed back family members, friends, and essential caregivers. You may invite up to **two** persons to visit you at a time. Your visitors must wear a surgical/procedure mask at all times. If you are on additional precautions for any reason, we will conduct a visitor risk assessment.
- We ask that you and your loved ones meet in your room. If you and your visitor choose to go outdoors, please go directly from your room to the front door and outside. And please wear your mask at all times, even outside.
- Regarding physical contact with loved ones, the Ministry takes the following position: Visitors and Residents are encouraged to practice physical distancing for the duration of their visit. However, for indoor visits only and for non-essential and essential visitors who have verbally attested to not testing positive within the last 14 days physical contact that reduces risk to the Resident and does not involve directly facing the Resident can be considered if it will help with the social and emotional wellbeing of the Resident.
- We witnessed many smiling faces yesterday. You and your loved ones have sacrificed much for the common good.

## HAIR SALON:

- For the next two weeks, stylist Jo-Anne will offer service as follows:  
**Week 2** (starting July 27): Monday – Donegal, Tuesday – Cavan, Wednesday – Galway (morning only), Thursday – Kilkenny, Friday – Wexford.  
Then it's back to **Week 1** (starting August 3): Monday – Dublin, Tuesday – Carlow, Wednesday – Galway (morning only), Thursday – Kerry, Friday – Waterford.
- You may reach Jo-Anne at extension 228.

## MASS ON TV:

- A reminder that you can watch Mass from the St. Marguerite d'Youville Gathering Place on **channel 49** every day except Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

## ENTERTAINMENT:

- Here's next week's line-up on **channel 49** of your TV set:
- Monday, July 27 at 2 p.m. – Jamming with **Jim** (Videto).
- Wednesday, July 29 at 2:30 p.m. – Rob's Room (with **Robert lenzi**).
- Thursday, July 30 at 2 p.m. – Musician **Anne Hurley**.

## RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

- Residents' Council will hold its next modified meeting on August 6. Council will invite one member from each participating Home Area to attend a virtual meeting using the Resident computer in the Sun Room. It is Council's goal to safely include more members in future meetings.
- A Residents' Council is an organized, self-led, self-determining, democratic group whose purpose is to assure that Residents have an active role in the organization of their daily lives.
- If you wish to bring something to Council's attention, you may talk with any member of the Executive – Lloyd Foster (Carlow), Gertrude Simser (Kilkenny), Barbara Nichols (Waterford), Les Froats (Wexford) – or with Council Assistant David Wainwright (ext. 280).

## ON THIS DAY:

- **On July 23, 2002**, Pope John Paul II opened the week-long World Youth Day celebrations in Toronto. The event was one of the largest religious gatherings in Canadian history.