



August 14, 2020

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

Hello, I hope that you are enjoying the wonderful weather. It is awesome to see everyone and to see people getting outside to enjoy the sunshine. As a reminder that everyone working and visiting indoors and outdoors when with a resident must wear a mask at all times. This will help us protect all of the residents and each other. Only those who have had a Covid19 negative test in the past 14 days are able to enter the home.

During the last two weeks, with the outbreak happening, we also had some great news. Stephen Savel, has joined the St. Patrick's Home team as the Manager, Spiritual and Religious Care on Aug. 10. Nothing like jumping in with two feet during an outbreak! Steve has extensive practical experience providing pastoral and palliative care working in a variety of health care organizations. Steve's education includes a Masters of Divinity, Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts (Economics).

We are attaching the Resident Update that was distributed earlier this week.

I will be on vacation for the next couple of weeks but the updates will continue on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's, brought to you by the Leadership Team.

Be well and stay safe,

***Janet Morris***  
President & CEO

# Resident Update, August 12, 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 Public Health declared the outbreak resolved yesterday (August 11) at 2 p.m.**
- We reported in the previous Resident Update that one Resident had tested positive for Covid. Public Health informed us in writing August 6 that the laboratory had amended its report, instructing the Home to disregard the previous positive result. Covid was NOT detected.
- Once again, we salute you, the Residents of St. Pat's, for your invaluable assistance and cooperation to help bring this most recent outbreak to an end. You have made significant sacrifices, all with remarkable grace.
- If you have questions about any aspect of the outbreak, please talk with a member of your care team, or call Monique Patterson, VP, Nursing, at extension 261, or Pam Smith, AVP, Nursing, at extension 299.

## **RESUMPTION OF INDOOR VISITS:**

- A friendly reminder that for indoor visits you may invite up to **two** persons to visit you at a time. Your visitors must wear a surgical/procedure mask at all times, and they must verbally attest that they have tested negative for Covid in the previous 14 days. 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.

## RESUMPTION OF GARDEN VISITS:

- For Garden visits, you may have **two** visitors at a time, and visitors are not required to verbally attest that they have tested negative for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days. You may book Garden visits by talking with the receptionist in person, or by calling extension 221.

## STAYING SAFE:

We are outbreak free, but we still recommend you take necessary precautions.

- You may leave your room, but we ask that you maintain a safe physical distance of 6 feet from others and wear a mask if you can tolerate one.
- If you are independent, you may go outside, but we ask that you stay on the property and not interact with any visitors or your co-Residents.
- We ask that only one Resident at a time use the elevator. However, if there is a staff member accompanying Residents, and all Residents are wearing a mask, then more than one Resident may use the elevator.
- Wash your hands! Wash your hands! Wash your hands!

## MASS ON TV:

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

## ENTERTAINMENT:

- Here's next week's line-up on **channel 49** of your TV set:
- Wednesday, August 19 at 2:30 p.m. – Rob's Room (with **Robert lenzi**).
- Thursday, August 20 at 2 p.m. – Gifted musician Anne Hurley.

## RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

- Residents' Council will hold its next meeting on September 3. One member from each participating Home Area will be invited to attend a virtual meeting using the Resident computer in the Sun Room.

## ON THIS DAY IN 1994:

- A Major League Baseball strike starts, during a dream season for the Montreal Expos. They have the best record in the majors (74 wins and 40 losses). The Montreal Expos will never have another season like 1994. The team will move to Washington, D.C., after the 2004 season. Les Expos fans still get maudlin when they reflect on their beloved team's departure.