



August 28, 2020

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we are happy to report that we remain COVID-19 free! The results from the staff surveillance testing completed last week have almost all been received and so far all were negative!

A reminder to families that residents are only able to leave the home for essential medical appointments. When residents plan on attending such an appointment, the clinical team coordinates with the receiving facility to ensure that the proper precautions are in place. Residents should not be attending any other public areas, such as stores or coffee shops, under any circumstances. This is for their safety and that of all of our residents and staff.

The Resident Update for this week is appended to today's update for your information.

Be well and stay safe,

The Leadership Team

Resident Update, August 26, 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 the Home remains outbreak free!**
- Presently, we have no Resident or staff cases of Covid.
- All results from last week's surveillance screening of staff were negative!
- 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.

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.**

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 within the previous 14 days. You may book Garden visits by talking with the receptionist in person, or by calling extension 221.

ADMISSIONS:

- Because the Home is outbreak free, we have resumed admissions to St. Pat's. Persons who move in must do so within 24 hours of receiving a negative Covid test result. The person must then complete 14-days of self-isolation in their room. After the person receives a second negative Covid result, they are free to spend time out of their room. We extend a warm welcome to all persons moving in.

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:
- Monday, August 31 at 2 p.m. – Hymns with **André**.
- Thursday, September 3 at 2 p.m. – Gifted musician **Anne Hurley**.

HAIR SALON:

- For the next two weeks, stylist Jo-Anne will offer service as follows:
Week 2 (starting August 24): Monday – Donegal, Tuesday – Cavan, Wednesday – Galway (morning only), Thursday – Kilkenny, Friday – Wexford.
Week 1 (starting August 31): Monday – Dublin, Tuesday – Carlow, Wednesday – Galway (morning only), Thursday – Kerry, Friday – Waterford.

DINING:

- Starting Monday, August 31, we will invite up to 16 Residents to eat their meal in the dining room (presently, we invite 8 Residents). We will begin this initiative on Waterford, with more Home Areas to follow.

RESIDENTS' COUNCILS WEEK:

- The Ontario Association of Residents' Councils (OARC) will launch Ontario's FIRST Residents' Councils Week, **September 14 – 20, 2020**. This special week will afford Councils the opportunity to creatively showcase who they are and what they do. The St. Pat's Residents' Council intends to submit photos of Residents participating in a Zoom Council meeting for use in OARC's Residents' Council Guidance Document.
- OARC understands that Residents' Councils can offer advice about all aspects of their home, including human resources, operations, policies and more. To promote Residents' voices in long term care, OARC created pin-back buttons that read, "Ask a Resident." This message proclaims the reality that Residents are the experts in their lived experience, and as such they must be encouraged to play an active role in the life of their home. If you would like an "Ask a Resident" button, please advise a member of your care team you wish to speak with David Wainwright.