



September 11, 2020

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

Hello, we have been notified by Ottawa Public Health this afternoon that unfortunately a former staff member has tested positive for Covid19 and had worked at St. Pat's in the 14 day incubation period. The testing for this former staff member was not completed at St. Pat's but after they left employment at the Home, however, they did work here during the 14 days prior to the positive test on Sept. 7. This unfortunately means that we are considered in outbreak as there is one positive case as of Sept. 7, which is considered the start of the outbreak. The former employee worked only on Kerry.

All of the residents will be tested over the next few days starting with Kerry. All staff will be tested as per our usual schedule next week. Ottawa Public Health has identified that the residents on Kerry will be isolated, and full PPE protection must be worn (mask, eye protection and gown). The remainder of the home will be on droplet precautions with masks and eye protection.

Ottawa Public Health has also given the following direction for this outbreak:

1. Visiting is restricted to essential visitors (those visiting a very ill or palliative residents or a designated caregiver). If the Power of Attorney or Substitute Decision Maker has not yet identified the two designated caregivers, please do so immediately via the attached form and send these back to Reception ([Recept@stpats.ca](mailto:Recept@stpats.ca)) or drop these at the screening desk and they will give them to Reception. There will also be forms available at the table at the main entrance for completion. Only one designated caregiver may visit at a time.
2. Essential Visitors should wear their mask. When visiting please try to maintain a social distance during your visits. Eye protection would be required when providing physical care. Please see the RPN on the home area if you require eye protection when visiting.
3. Short stay outings are suspended for residents while in outbreak. Residents are required to stay on the grounds.
4. Meal service on Kerry will be in the resident rooms, however on the other home areas there will be dining room service.
5. All Outdoor visits are cancelled.

I know that this news is not what anyone wants to hear, but we are following the Public Health directions to manage this outbreak and for the safety of all residents, staff and visitors.

The staff are working very hard to keep everyone safe.

Be well,

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