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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, as you may have heard in the news, Premier Doug Ford announced yesterday that visiting within Long Term Care homes will be changing as of Monday October 5th in those areas of the province that have significant community spread of Covid19, which would include Ottawa. The Premier's announcement indicates that general visitors will not be able to visit as of October 5th, but that essential visitors and designated caregiver visits can continue. We have not received anything specific related to this announcement as of today. We will provide further information if there is a change once we receive specific guidelines from the Ministry of Long Term Care.

In preparation for this coming change, Cheryl has attached the Designated Caregiver Form again for those that may not have had a chance to complete it. Please submit this form to Reception at your earliest convenience. You can email it to recept@stpats.ca As of Monday October 5th, the only people who can visit will be those people identified as designated caregivers or essential visitor, those visiting a resident who very ill or palliative.

The Ministry's "Resuming Visits in Long-Term Care Homes" of September 2nd, 2020 define designated caregivers as:

Designated Caregiver

A caregiver is a type of essential visitor who is designated by the resident and/or their substitute decision-maker and is visiting to provide direct care to the resident (e.g., supporting feeding, mobility, personal hygiene, cognitive stimulation, communication, meaningful connection, relational continuity and assistance in decision-making).

A maximum of 2 caregivers may be designated per resident at a time. The designation should be made in writing to the home. Homes should have a procedure for documenting caregiver designations. The decision to designate an individual as a caregiver is entirely the remit of the resident and/or their substitute decision-maker and not the home.

A resident and/or their substitute decision-maker may change a designation in response to a change in the:

Resident's care needs that are reflected in the plan of care.

Availability of a designated caregiver, either temporary (e.g., illness) or permanent.

St. Marguerite d'Youville Award

Annually we celebrate one St. Pat's employee with the St. Marguerite d'Youville Award. The goal of this award is to recognize individuals who have made a consistent and ongoing commitment in the tradition and mission of St. Marguerite d'Youville.

The criteria for the award indicate nomination is based on:

- Recognizing individuals who have made an outstanding commitment, in the tradition and mission of St. Marguerite d'Youville.
- Individuals who have demonstrated personal qualities and exceptional skills, either in their department or throughout the home, as demonstrated in their actions, or the guidance they have provided.

Here is the link to the information available on the website regarding this award and how to nominate a staff member for this annual award.

<https://stpats.ca/marguerite-dyouville-award-nomination>

Be well and take care of yourself,

Janet Morris

President and CEO