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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

We have just been notified that an asymptomatic staff has tested positive for Covid19 from the surveillance testing this week. They are home and we hope that they do not develop any symptoms. Thankfully the results are coming back more quickly and we can act fast to isolate the staff, although it is very discouraging to have the outbreak continue. The goal of the surveillance testing is to identify anyone who is positive and isolate them from the residents and other staff members. The staff member worked on Donegal only. The families of the residents on Donegal have been notified by the staff.

We have been in contact with Ottawa Public Health and at this time Donegal will be on droplet and contact precautions (masks, eye protection and gowns). Residents will remain in their rooms for meals. Designated caregivers can continue to visit during the outbreak.

All of the other home areas will remain with the current precautions. Ottawa Public Health will review the status of the outbreak on Sunday, to determine whether there can be changes to required precautions, in particular Carlow and Waterford and whether the precautions can be adjusted. There will be an update sent out on Sunday once we have further clarity from them.

I am very sorry for the residents who are now having to isolate again in their rooms. We know that this is a very difficult situation and we will do our very best to keep everyone safe.

Take care,

Janet Morris
President and CEO