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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, there are no further positive test results received from the staff surveillance testing last week.

We have had some further discussion with Ottawa Public Health and have had ongoing discussions to expand some of the programs and services even though St. Pat's remains in whole home outbreak. There is an agreement to expand some of the programs and services within the Home but we have not been successful in other actions which we have requested.

1. Residents and families can continue to take walks in the garden with one home area in the garden at a time as per the schedule. Residents are asked not to go outside through the front entrance until the outbreak is declared over.
2. Advanced foot care can resume with services on one home area per day.
3. Hairdressing services are not considered an essential service and therefore cannot resume until the outbreak is over.
4. Residents cannot attend Mass in the Gathering Place until the outbreak is over. Mass continues to be broadcast through channel 49, as well as various entertainers.

We are continuing to advocate with Public Health within infection prevention and control guidelines to keep residents and staff safe. We must follow their directions but will keep working at pointing out the impact of isolation precautions on the residents.

Be well,

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President and CEO