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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello there are no further positive cases at St. Pat's. We have one active staff case at this time which means we are still in whole home outbreak. Donegal is on full droplet and contact precautions.

In all home areas all residents are asked to remain on their own home area as much as possible. All other home areas are on droplet precautions requiring the use of masks and eye protection.

Public Health has identified again today that the activities where residents leave their home areas such as Mass and hairdressing services cannot resume until the outbreak is over. The reason for this is to ensure that residents from different home areas are not meeting in the elevator or in other areas. The garden can be used for fresh air at scheduled time slots for one home area at a time, although the weather over the past two days is not very welcoming.

Donegal residents can go to the dining room for meals, and the previous limitations on using the tub and shower rooms have been adjusted. Residents can now have a shower or bath in the tub and shower room using enhanced infection prevention and control protocols. Public Health has confirmed today that designated caregivers and residents cannot visit outside of the resident room in common areas during the outbreak.

This morning, Ottawa Public Health has identified that residents from Donegal can go for a fresh air break outside accompanied by a designated caregiver on a case by case basis. They resident must wear a mask, must go directly from their room with their designated caregiver to the elevator. They cannot interact with anyone else and must not get on the elevator if there is anyone on the elevator. If a Power of Attorney for a resident on Donegal is interested in having a resident from Donegal have the opportunity to go outside for fresh air, please contact Monique Patterson to discuss the necessary precautions and discuss a plan for the individual resident.

It is challenging for everyone right now and I know that everyone is working very hard to keep the residents, staff and visitors safe during this time.

Be well and safe,

Janet Morris
President and CEO