



December 4, 2020

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we have no further positive test results. Ottawa Public Health has now declared our outbreak at St. Pat's over!!! Kilkenny will no longer be required to be on full isolation precautions.

What does this mean?

1. All resident home areas will remain on droplet precautions requiring masks and eye protection for everyone.
2. Meal service as per the schedule for one half of the residents eating in the dining room per meal will continue for all home areas
3. Resident programs will continue for small groups on the resident home area only and when people can maintain physical distancing. No singing or caroling as part of the programs.
4. Residents can go out for walks in the garden one home area at a time. The front area is not appropriate due to the number of people entering and leaving the building, which makes physically distancing difficult.
5. Residents in hospital can return to the Home.
6. New admissions can resume with a negative test and will be in full isolation for 14 days.

What restrictions remain in place because we are in Orange-Restrict designation?

1. Weekly testing for staff and support workers continues.
2. Only two designated caregivers can visit per each resident, but visiting one person at a time. There are no general visitors in LTC.
3. Hairdressing services cannot resume as it is not identified as an essential service as per Ottawa Public Health.
4. Residents cannot leave the property of St. Pat's for short outings or for longer leaves except for medical appointments.
5. Residents cannot attend mass but continue to watch it on TV only.

We appreciate all of the families and friends who are coming in as the designated caregivers and the support you are providing to your loved one and the staff at St. Pat's.

The next update will be on Monday December 7th as long as there are no changes on the weekend. Enjoy your weekend.

Be safe and take care,

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