



December 31, 2020

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, St. Pat's has been notified that one staff member has tested positive for COVID. That person worked on Dublin home area only. Unfortunately, this puts us into an outbreak as per the public health definition of outbreak of one staff case. We continue to follow all of the public health requirements. Dublin will be on full droplet and contact precautions, which means gowns, masks and eye protection. All of the residents on Dublin will be on isolation, and meals will be served in their rooms. All of the residents in the Home will be COVID tested.

Just a reminder that the designated caregivers identified by the resident or POA can be changed but only for two specific reasons:

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

- i) Resident's care needs that are reflected in the plan of care.*
- ii) Availability of a designated caregiver, either temporary (e.g., illness) or permanent."*

If the resident or the POA are requesting a change of a designated caregiver, the resident or POA, when the resident is not capable, must complete the required form, which is also attached to the update email. Please submit this form to Monique Patterson, VP, Nursing or Pam Smith, AVP, Nursing via the front desk Recept@stpats.ca. They are reviewing these forms and making the necessary changes to the list of designated caregivers based upon the two criteria outlined above. This may take a few days based upon the requests. Please plan ahead as Monique and Pam are not available to make changes on the weekend. The staff at the screening table cannot make these changes.

Designated caregivers were notified on December 23rd that the two designated caregivers identified for each resident were eligible to receive the Pfizer Covid19 vaccination. This information was sent directly to those designated caregivers. If you are a designated caregiver, and have not received this information please contact Cheryl Elliott at CherylElliott@stpats.ca and she will provide the required information.

We have now been asked to by the Ministry of Health to provide information to them on the number of people who are receiving the vaccination. This is to assist in their tracking of the total numbers of people receiving the vaccination by LTC Home. In order to report this information, we will need some information from you. If you have booked an appointment to receive the vaccination please let Reception Recept@stpats.ca know so we can keep a count of the numbers of people who have booked. Your support in providing this information will be very helpful.

Also, a reminder that even if vaccinated, designated caregivers must provide proof of a weekly negative COVID test result and continue to wear the required PPE.

With the approval and arrival of the Moderna vaccination in Ontario, we know that there are questions about when the residents will be able to receive a vaccination. This is not scheduled yet for Ottawa or St. Pat's. We have been told that the first doses of the Moderna vaccine will be sent to Toronto, where the number of cases is skyrocketing. Ottawa and St. Pat's will be scheduled at a later date which is not yet determined. In the meantime, we have asked for the information required for residents and their POA's to make informed decisions for consent for this vaccine. As soon as we receive anything, we will give you this information and start to obtain that necessary consent, so we are ready when the Moderna vaccine is available to our residents. The vaccine task force has made it very clear that the Moderna vaccine will only be available for residents, not for staff or designated caregivers.

As 2020 winds down, I know that we are all happy to see the end of an extremely challenging year. We do know that the availability of the vaccinations for Covid19 provides us hope that 2021 will be a less stressful year. We also know that there is still a need to keep all of our safety protocols in place into 2021 until the pandemic is better controlled.

“Give yourself a pat on the back and if you must resolve to do anything for the new year, resolve to enjoy every minute of your life whenever you can. Live in the moment.

This year has shown us that the world can change overnight. We can only rely on a few things: our friends, our family and our courage. (and the great staff at St. Pat's)

Who know what next year will bring, so be kind to yourself. You have done well.

Maybe this year we should just say ‘well done’ at the stroke of midnight. Well done to us all. Each and every one. “ Donna Ashworth



Happy New Year to everyone, you have done well!

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