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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we have received no further positive Covid19 results and continue to plan for Ottawa Public Health to declare the outbreak over on Wednesday February 10th.

There has been some news recently about rapid testing, with a memo received on February 4th from the Ministry of LTC outlining requirements and processes. This memo identified some significant changes from a memo received the week before from the Ministry of LTC. We are working on how rapid testing for staff, designated caregivers and support workers will be done at St. Pat's with these new requirements but do not yet have any information to provide. Family Council will be asked to have input on the plan once we have something to share. As soon as we have a plan in place we will let you know.

Given that St. Pat's is in outbreak, the timelines for a transition to rapid testing are different. The February 4th memo identifies that "LTC Homes in outbreak should plan to implement the program (rapid testing) within 2-3 weeks of an outbreak being resolved". We continue to look at an implementation plan that will meet this timeline and will communicate to everyone, once we have worked out a plan.

Be safe and stay well,

Janet Morris
President and CEO