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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we are very happy to let you know that Wexford is now off of full isolation precautions. The residents can return to the dining room for meals as per the schedule and those residents who are interested can go for a walk in the garden based upon the schedule. The PPE requirements are now droplet precautions, requiring a mask and eye protection for staff and designated caregivers.

All residents continue to be monitored for any symptoms of Covid19 and if there are any symptoms they are tested. At any given time there are a few residents who have symptoms, are tested and on isolation precautions while we await the results. We have not received any additional positive test results, but there are 2 residents who were tested this week and Ottawa Public Health is not declaring the full outbreak over until we receive these results. Although we remain in outbreak status, there are no resident home areas on full precautions, and nothing will change once we are declared out of outbreak for the residents or the designated caregivers.

We have just been notified that Ottawa Public Health will be running a vaccination clinic here tomorrow for the residents, staff and caregivers who had their first shot on January 16th. Today we were notified that if you have an appointment scheduled at the Ottawa Hospital for your second vaccination, you must keep that appointment and it will not be given at St. Pat's. This is very unfortunate as we tried to convince them it would be much easier to have the shot here, but the doses have already been allocated to the Ottawa Hospital clinic. Everyone eligible for this second shot will be called to schedule a time for this clinic. I know it is very short notice but we did not get told the time for the clinic until approximately noon today. Thank you for your patience and flexibility.

We are also hearing that some people are being told that they do not need to book an appointment for their weekly testing next week as rapid testing will be starting on February 16th. As mentioned in the update on Monday, we will not be starting the rapid testing for designated caregivers for a couple of weeks so please continue to book your appointment for the weekly testing until further notice. We continue to develop an implementation plan but given we are actually still in outbreak we will be starting at a later date.

Be well and stay safe,

Janet Morris
President and CEO