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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, yesterday we received the Ministry of LTC Directive, COVID19: LTC Homes Surveillance Testing and Access to Homes. There are some welcome changes for designated caregivers in this new Directive, in particular, designated caregivers will receive the rapid test at the same frequency as staff.

The actual requirement states: “An Antigen Rapid test every other work day if at the home 3 or more times per week, up to a maximum of 3 times per week. An Antigen Rapid test on the ‘day of’ if at the home only one or two days in a week.”

This will mean for those who visit 3 or more times in a week you will receive a rapid test 3 times in a week rather than every visit. Those who visit less than 3 times per week will receive the rapid test on each day of their visit.

Once the rapid testing is fully implemented, there will no longer be a requirement to have a diagnostic PCR test weekly.

We are still working through the new Directive to understand the expected process and will be communicating more details once we have sorted this out. Given the new changes and the need to sort through how this can happen, we are reviewing our start dates, but for designated caregivers it will be no earlier than March 1, 2021.

Stay well and safe,

Janet Morris
President and CEO