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## **UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

### **Rapid testing**

Hello, we are continuing to review the new Directive received on February 16<sup>th</sup> on Rapid testing from the Ministry of LTC and are working through the logistics of testing everyone in as timely a manner. We have completed the first four days of testing on a small group of people and have already identified some improvements to the process.

With this new information, the dates to roll out the rapid testing have been modified. We will be proceeding with testing staff starting on February 28<sup>th</sup> and then the designated caregivers on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Until each group begins rapid testing they will continue with weekly PCR testing. A current (within the past 7 days) PCR test will still be a requirement until March 8<sup>th</sup> for designated caregivers. As soon as you are part of the rapid testing process at St. Pat's, you will no longer require a PCR test.

We will provide the details on the testing process for you as soon as we have the entire process more clearly defined.

The agency sitters, who started daily testing this week, will move to the same testing frequency as staff and designated caregivers of a maximum of 3 rapid tests per week, starting on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, based upon the new Directive.

### **Vaccinations**

We received the following notice from Ottawa Public Health yesterday afternoon:

'Any remaining staff and essential caregivers that have not already receive vaccinations can receive their vaccine at The Ottawa Hospital Civic clinic. To book an appointment for vaccination, please email [vaccines@toh.ca](mailto:vaccines@toh.ca)'

If you have not yet had your vaccination, please book your appointment. You can pick up a letter identifying that you are a designated caregiver and therefore eligible for the vaccination to take to your appointment. Let's make everyone safe!

Stay safe and have a great weekend,

**Janet Morris**  
President and CEO