



February 24, 2021

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

We remain Covid19 free at St. Pat's.

We are making the final preparations for starting the rapid testing for staff on Sunday February 28th. We know that it will take a while to sort out the implementation and then we will be ready to start the designated caregivers on March 8th. Please continue to get your weekly Covid19 tests completed until March 8th to ensure that you can visit.

We are going to make some changes for the dining room so that we can have more people eating in the dining room at each meal. We have purchased more tables and plexiglass dividers for the dining room/sunroom areas to ensure safe physical distancing during meals for more people. The implementation on each resident home area will be phased as we work out the placement of the tables and get all of the plexiglass screens installed. Galway will be the first home area with a plan to start this Friday. All home areas should be fully implemented by mid March if all goes well.

As a reminder, designated caregivers and staff can book to have your vaccination at The Ottawa Hospital Civic clinic. To book an appointment for vaccination, please email vaccines@toh.ca. You can pick up a letter at the screening station identifying that you are a designated caregiver and therefore eligible for the vaccination to take to your appointment. We have heard that the call back to get a scheduled appointment once you send the email takes some time, but people are now starting to get appointments.

Be safe and stay well,

Janet Morris
President and CEO