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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we remain Covid19 free.

The Harvest Room booking by designated caregivers or residents has been very limited. We will discontinue the calendars and the use of the rooms will be based on availability. Care conferences and meal service for residents are happening in the Harvest Rooms and will be a priority at the time that they are in use.

Staff rapid testing began this week and the rapid testing for designated caregivers will start on Monday March 8th. This is a mandated requirement from the Ministry of LTC and we have no choice in this implementation. I do believe that as everyone will be tested more frequently we will be able to identify any positive cases earlier than a once weekly test.

Here is the process:

1. Go through the screening process. We are required to read out all of the screening questions each visit. Thank you for your patience with this process.
2. The screener will assist in identifying whether it is a day that you should be tested.
 - A) If you do **not** need to be tested on that day, go ahead to the home area for your visit. Enjoy!
 - B) If you do need to be tested:
 - i) Proceed to the rapid testing area, at the end of the hall past reception.
 - ii) Receive your rapid test. There are 3 different types of swab options that you can select for the testing – nasopharyngeal; deep nasal or a triple swab (nostril and throat)
 - iii) Return to the lobby and wait until you are provided with confirmation of your negative result.
 - iv) Proceed to the home area to visit. Enjoy!

Designated caregivers are tested up to 3 times per week. If you are visiting more than 3 days per week, you will be tested on alternate days up to the 3 times. If you visit less than 3 times in a week you will be tested at each visit. We are using the stickers that you will be given to keep track of the testing dates. We are required to report to the Ministry of LTC the number of people who have received rapid testing. The total number of people by their designation – staff, support

workers, designated caregivers, is reported not the individual persons who have received the rapid tests.

As of March 8th, you will no longer be asked to provide the results of a Covid19 test from an assessment centre or pharmacy.

Also as a reminder there are staff who are also being rapid tested in the same location. The peak times for staff are from 7 to 8:30am; from 8:45 to 9:15am and from 10:45 to 11:15am. Please try and plan your visits around these peak times to avoid a longer wait for rapid testing.

Be well and stay safe,

Janet Morris
President and CEO