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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, unfortunately we have been notified of a positive rapid test result from a community testing site for a staff member. The person has now completed a PCR test and we are awaiting the result. The rapid test result puts the home into suspect outbreak. Wexford is on full precautions at this time. There are no changes on the other home areas.

Rapid testing will continue until we receive the results of the PCR test. The public health guidance currently outlines that if a home is in outbreak all staff and residents would be tested using a PCR test rather than rapid testing.

It is currently unclear what the guidance is for designated caregivers. We have been trying to clarify with Ottawa Public Health over the past few weeks whether rapid testing continues for designated caregivers when in outbreak but have not yet had a response. If designated caregivers are required to have a negative PCR test within the past 7 days, like you were doing previously, we will let you know as soon as we know. If a PCR test is required you would need to go to a testing centre or pharmacy for that test. This may mean a delay in entering the home until a result is received. We are advocating that rapid testing continues for designated caregivers.

Be well and take care,

Janet Morris

President and CEO