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

Hello, we should complete all of the resident PCR swabs today. We will keep families updated as we receive the results for individual residents.

Staff PCR swabs continue as well as rapid testing for designated caregivers and staff. There are still some times when it is very busy and there may be a wait for your rapid testing. The peak times for staff testing 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. Staff will be taken first in line so that they can start work.

There is a change in the options for designated caregivers for rapid testing. In summary the options are:

1. Continue with rapid testing at St. Pat's up to 3 times per week.  
**NEW:** If you only enter the home 2 times per week on consecutive days, rapid testing is required on the first day of entry only.
2. **NEW:** Designated caregivers can choose one PCR test and one rapid test on separate days within a 7 day period. The PCR test would need to be done in the community as St. Pat's does not have the capacity to do these here due to the lab requisitions; lab coordination and receipt of the results. We can continue with the one rapid test.

We will implement these new options as of Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>. The screeners will be able to provide you with guidance on these adjusted requirements.

Be well and stay safe,

***Janet Morris***  
President and CEO