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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we have completed all of the resident's PCR swabs. Staff testing will be completed soon as well. We have started to receive negative results from the swabs done earlier this week.

The new surveillance testing requirements are a bit confusing so I will try and outline some scenarios.

Designated caregivers can choose to continue with rapid testing at St. Pat's. The only change for people who visit less than three times per week on consecutive days, they would only require a rapid test on the first day of the consecutive visits. Eg. If you visit on Saturday and Sunday, you will have a rapid test on Saturday but not on Sunday. If however you visit again on Tuesday, you will have another rapid test.

Designated caregivers who visit 3 or more times per week can continue to have rapid testing done as per your current schedule.

Designated caregivers can also choose to have one PCR test and one rapid test on separate days within a 7 day period. In order to enter the building you would need to show the negative PCR result, like you did previously. The 7 day period is from the date of the PCR test. If you do not have a PCR result within a 7 day period you will need to have a rapid test completed to be able to enter the building.

The screeners will assist you in determining when you need to be tested.

Be well and have a restful weekend. Our next update will be on Monday March 22nd.

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