



April 5, 2021

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello to everyone on this beautiful spring day.

The resident results we have received back have all been negative. We are still waiting for about half of the results from Kilkenny. As soon as all of the results are received and negative the isolation precautions may be adjusted by Ottawa Public Health.

All of the resident results have been received for Donegal and all are negative. If there are no additional positive results Donegal will be off of isolation precautions on April 7th.

As always, any resident with symptoms will be on isolation precautions while awaiting the swab results.

The other great news received late last week is that the definition of a COVID 19 outbreak in all LTC Homes in Ontario will change as of April 7th. The current definition is one lab-confirmed case from a staff member or resident.

As per the memo received from the Ministry of LTC:

‘As of April 7th, the definition of an outbreak will be two or more lab-confirmed cases (resident, staff and/or visitor) in a home, within a 14-day period, that have an epidemiological link and where at least one person could have reasonably acquired their infection in the home. At the same time, the definition of a suspect outbreak will include instances of a single resident case. Public health units will continue to be responsible for declaring an outbreak.’

We anticipate that this will reduce the frequency of outbreaks and therefore the need to implement full isolation precautions. We greatly appreciate this balanced approach to outbreak management given the high number of residents vaccinated. We will be receiving more detail this week to fully understand the implementation requirements.

Be well and stay safe.

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