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

Hello, no additional positive test results have been received. All of the second round of testing for those Dublin residents who had close contact are negative!

The recent guidelines from the Chief Medical Office of Health and the Ministry of LTC identify that if a home has a fully vaccinated rate of 70% for staff and 85% for residents some of the physical distancing requirements can be reduced in the dining room and small group programs. We will continue with our dining room service with the shields and physically distancing, small group activities and Mass with physical distancing.

Fully vaccinated is defined as two shots at least 14 days ago. We are currently at 67% of staff who are fully vaccinated and well over 97% of residents. There are an additional 12% of staff who have received one shot, however, they are not able to have their second shot as the second doses for everyone, except residents, is delayed for 16 weeks. Right now we have 79% of staff who have had at least one shot. Today there is a vaccination clinic for residents and staff. A number of staff will receive their first dose which will mean that over 80% of the staff have received at least one dose. There are also some residents who recently moved into St. Pat's, who are receiving either their first or second dose.

Designated caregivers are currently at a 69% vaccination rate for both shots and approximately 1.5% who have had one shot. If you have had a vaccination and have not provided us with this information, please let us know. One other change in the guideline is that homes cannot restrict physical touch between fully vaccinated designated caregivers and fully vaccinated residents. I know that this is not a change for St. Pat's but it is for some homes.

There was also a change regarding screening. There is no longer a need to screen when you leave the building and we are no longer required to take everyone's temperature. Both of these changes have already been implemented.

Our next planned update is on Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Be well and have a Happy Mother's Day,

***Janet Morris***  
President and CEO