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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we have just received new guidance on general visitors who will be able to return to LTC Homes for outdoor visits as of Saturday, May 22, 2021, for residents who are not ill or in isolation due to a potential exposure.

The following are the requirements:

- Maximum of two general visitors at a time per resident in addition to essential caregiver(s).
- General visitors need to be actively screened upon arrival and should not proceed beyond entry points / areas in homes.
- General visitors do not need to undergo a rapid antigen test as their visit will be outdoors.
- General visitors need to maintain physical distancing and wear masks and every effort should be made to ensure different groups of visitors are also physically distanced.

The following is the plan for St. Pat's for this weekend to ensure that there are some options for general visits. We will be reviewing the guidance and looking at the new guidance next week and appreciate your patience as we work out the logistics of outdoor visits for general visitors.

Designated Caregivers

We are going to ask the designated caregivers to support us in facilitating general visits. Designated caregivers can make arrangements for general visitors for their loved one and assist the resident to go outside on the grounds for a visit with a maximum of 2 general visitors at a time. You and your family and friends can make these arrangements on your own. We would encourage the resident to wear a mask during the visit as well.

The one thing that will be required is that the general visitors go through the screening process and bring their own masks. At screening they will be asked the same questions that everyone is asked and if they do not pass the screening tool, they will not be able to visit.

At screening they will also be provided with information on what their requirements are such as maintain physical distancing of 2 m., wear a mask at all times, and do not eat or drink in the presence of a resident.

As our seating on the grounds at the front of the Home is limited, please feel free to bring lawn chairs to use to facilitate physical distancing when visiting.

When a designated caregiver is not available

General visitors can call reception to book a visit in the garden if there is not a designated caregiver available to bring the resident outside.

The time slots that are available for each home area will be the same as the garden schedule that is currently in place. The link to the garden schedule is attached.

The garden will still be accessible for residents who want to go out for a walk at the scheduled time for their Home area, but there will be an area designated for general visitors and residents.

These general visitors can only visit during the scheduled times. Unfortunately drop in visits cannot be accommodated for both logistics and spaces available for visiting.

General Visitors will enter through the front entrance to be screened. Once cleared through screening, the general visitor will exit the front door and walk to the side of the building to the garden gate. Enter the gate and proceed to the area of the garden that is taped off. The general visiting area is near the doorways to the building and is identified by caution tape.

Chairs are set up to allow physical distancing.

If the temperature in the garden is very hot and humid, or if there is rain and certainly thunderstorms the visit may need to be cancelled for everyone's safety.

I would also like to remind everyone of a few other infection prevention and control practices which remain in place at St. Pat's:

- Everyone must wear a mask at all times in the home or on the grounds.
- If you are visiting a resident in the building, eye protection is always required.
- Please do not enter the elevator if a resident is in the elevator and does not have a mask on.

Have a great long weekend,

Janet Morris
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