



June 4, 2021

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

Hello, we have now received new directions regarding visiting and resident absences which will be effective as of June 9, 2021. A chart outlining some of the changes is attached for your information. We are working out some details on how best to implement these changes at St. Pat's.

Given that many of the changes for visitors are related to vaccination status, we will be looking at a way to identify those visitors (designated caregivers and general visitors) who are fully vaccinated so that we know who can participate in the activities identified. We are looking at a badge that you would receive at screening to identify that you are fully vaccinated and therefore able to participate in all of the activities. More detail will come early next week on the process we will use.

Resident absences will also be determined based upon their immunization status. Social outings for fully immunized residents can resume as of June 9. Overnight temporary absences can also resume, however, upon return the resident will need to isolate until a negative PCR test result is received. Prior approval from the Home is required, primarily to determine that an appropriate place to isolate is available upon the residents return, in particular for those who are in a shared room.

Where a resident has mobility limitations or health conditions (i.e. factors unrelated to weather) that make participating in outdoor visits highly unlikely or impossible, a maximum of 1 general visitor per resident may visit indoors at a time. A maximum of 1 caregiver may also be present during the visit. General visitors indoors will be required to complete a rapid test. This will be applicable to a small group of residents as the majority are already participating in outdoor visits. Based upon this clinical criteria for general visits indoors, we anticipate that it will be a small group of residents who will be identified as meeting this criteria.

We will provide further information early next week, prior to the implementation date of June 9 once we sort out these new directives.

Have a safe and happy weekend,

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