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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, the residents on Cavan and Carlow who were in isolation were cleared on Monday June 21st and are no longer in isolation. We have had no additional positive cases at St. Pat’s.

There are ongoing reports from family members and from staff that some designated caregivers and general visitors are not following the required protocols for outdoor visits. Here are the requirements for outdoor visits:

REQUIREMENTS	VISITOR IS FULLY IMMUNIZED	VISITOR IS PARTIAL/ UNIMMUNIZED
ESSENTIAL – CAREGIVER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Designated caregivers • Participate in surveillance (RAPID) testing for indoor visits 	May be indoors (1 per visit) or outdoors (2 per visit) May have physical contact, including for non-care related reasons with fully immunized resident. No eye protection required indoors or outdoors May support in dining room, join in activity	May be indoors (1 per visit) or outdoors (2 per visit) Physical distancing 2m required when not providing direct care, however brief hugs are permitted Eye protection required Unable to enter dining room/ join activity
NON-ESSENTIAL GENERAL VISITOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in surveillance (RAPID) testing for indoor visits • All General Visitors must complete screening. 	Outdoor visits (max 2). No eye protection required Indoor visits (max 1) for residents who have mobility limitations or health conditions that make outdoor visits highly unlikely or impossible Close contact with fully immunized resident allowed. No eye protection required	Outdoor visits (max 2) Indoor visits (max 1) for residents who have mobility limitations or health conditions that make outdoor visits highly unlikely or impossible Physical distancing 2m required however brief hugs are permitted

Masks are required for all visits and for the full duration of the visit whether indoors or outdoors. A maximum of 2 general visitors and 2 designated caregivers may visit on the grounds with a resident. In the Garden due to space there is a limit of visitors at 3 with a maximum of 2 general visitors.

Going forward, general visitors will be asked to provide vaccination status proof, as there are different levels of interaction allowed based upon the visitor's vaccination status. General visitors will be provided a yellow card at screening if they are fully immunized. This will ensure that everyone knows that they can have close contact and do not need to wear eye protection if fully immunized.

Please let the screeners know if you observe people who are not following these requirements as we need to follow up and continue to keep residents, staff and visitors safe. Although we are seeing decreasing positive cases in the community, there are still cases and the protocols are in place at this time.

We continue to hold vaccination clinics at St. Pat's for staff and residents. On occasion we have some extra doses provided and are able to vaccinate designated caregivers, as happened yesterday. Unfortunately, it is often short notice but we are happy when we can do some extra vaccinations.

Vaccination rates are continually monitored for both residents and staff. There are fluctuations as new staff are hired and other staff leave, and new residents move into St. Pat's.

The current vaccination rate for staff is 85% who are fully vaccinated, and 5% with one shot, for a total of 90%. The resident vaccination rate is 99%.

Stay well and safe,

Janet Morris
President and CEO