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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we have had no positive COVID-19 results and are very thankful to everyone for keeping the residents safe.

With Ontario set to enter Step 3 of the “Roadmap to Reopen” on Friday July 16th, we have received new guidance on what that will mean for long-term care. We are in the process of reviewing the directives and confirming St. Pat’s processes. The major changes will be:

- Individuals who are fully immunized (14 days post second dose) will no longer be required to rapid test upon entry to the home, screening and proof of immunization are required
- More flexibility with the maximum number of visitors, this will be determined by the home based on space and safety
- All resident absences are permitted regardless of immunization status and resident off-site group excursions may resume
- Buffet and family style dining for residents may resume
- Resident activities involving singing and dancing may resume
- Eye protection is no longer required except when providing care to residents who are symptomatic or when providing care during outbreak. Eye protection is recommended and will be available for non-immunized staff and visitors for their protection.

An important reminder that masks are still mandatory **at all times** during both indoor and outdoor visits. While masking requirements continue to be in place, eating and drinking with the resident in the building or grounds is not permitted. You can bring in food and drink for the resident but visitors cannot consume it as they need to remain masked for the entire visit.

Public Health educational material on IPAC procedures have previously been provided in the updates and is available on St. Pat’s website: <https://stpats.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IPAC-Education-for-Visitors-FINAL.pdf> Please take a few minutes to review this information regularly for your protection and the protection of the residents, staff and other visitors.

Stay safe and be well,

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