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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, St. Pat's remains Covid19 outbreak free. We know that there are more LTC Homes across Ontario experiencing outbreaks. We all must remain vigilant in following all of the protocols required for infection prevention and control.

Vaccination Status

The vaccination rates for staff is now at 95% of staff fully vaccinated, 0.5% of staff have had one vaccine and are waiting for the second dose and 4.5% who are not vaccinated.

Designated caregivers are almost all vaccinated, however there are approximately 12 who are not vaccinated. There are also general visitors who are not vaccinated however that number fluctuates weekly.

All students and contracted service providers must be fully vaccinated to come into St. Pat's.

We are continuing to encourage everyone to get their full Covid19 vaccination, which includes all staff, visitors and residents. At this time anyone who is not fully vaccinated continue to be rapid tested.

Staff who are not fully vaccinated are being rapid tested each time they work.

Unvaccinated visitors are being rapid tested every 48 hours as per provincial requirements. St. Pat's will be changing this to an increased rapid testing schedule to provide another layer of protection. **As of Monday, October 4, rapid testing for everyone who is not vaccinated will be required at each visit.**

99% of residents have received a minimum of 2 doses of a Covid19 vaccine. The third doses were provided to those residents who were eligible last week. As other residents meet the eligibility requirement of 5 months since their second dose we will be providing the third dose of the vaccine.

As we see the increasing numbers of LTC Homes with outbreaks, we will be looking at more strategies to keep St. Pat's Covid19 free to our best ability.

Parking

Parking continues to be a challenge for everyone, in particular on days when we have additional staff here to meet annual mandatory education requirements. We will post notice when education sessions are occurring to assist scheduling visits outside of these hours or dates if possible.

We are also going to increase our parking lot surveillance schedule to ensure that we do not have people parking here who are not visiting, working or having business here. Please ensure that your license plate is registered with the Finance Department or for occasional visitors that the plate number is given to Reception.

Be well and stay safe,

Janet Morris

President and CEO