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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, the residents on Kerry are all off of isolation. There were no other staff cases or any resident cases. We are thankful to everyone for following the required protocols.

Rapid Testing

The provincial requirement for random rapid testing for fully vaccinated people has been in place now for a few weeks. We are experiencing challenges with RPN resources and cannot always staff the rapid testing centre. We appreciate your patience when there are wait times. The staff are providing resident care and will be available as soon as possible.

We are currently exceeding the provincial requirements for rapid testing. We are reviewing the existing rapid testing process given our RPN resources. This may mean that the requirement to test weekly will be reduced. As soon as we have identified a new process we will provide you with that information.

When we are able to have someone dedicated to rapid testing, they will be on breaks from 12:15 to 1pm. and from 5:15 to 6 pm.

After November 15 any unvaccinated staff will be on an unpaid leave of absence so the only unvaccinated people entering St. Pat's will be designated caregivers and general visitors. All unvaccinated people must continue to be tested each time they enter St. Pat's.

Covid Vaccine Boosters

Last week we provided the links to the public health and pharmacy sites for booking the booster shots and the criteria for being eligible for this third dose. We have heard from some people that they did not find an option for essential caregivers to book their appointment. We believe that essential caregivers should use the health care workers option. The criteria includes both health care workers and essential caregivers, but the booking system only identifies health care workers.

We are providing the links below again for your information:

For booking an appointment at a community clinic through the provincial booking portal:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>

For booking an appointment at a COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine location:

<https://covid19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations>

Be well and stay safe,

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