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

Hello, last night we learned that a resident on Waterford has unfortunately tested positive for Covid19. We are hopeful that their recovery will be smooth and wish them well. Ottawa Public Health has been contacted and at this time we are awaiting instructions on next steps. We will provide this information as soon as we hear back from Public Health

Obviously, this news reinforces the need to ensure that we are all continuing to be diligent in following the infection prevention and control requirements and limiting any potential spread, including getting a vaccination and the booster.

### **Rapid Testing**

The process for rapid testing of fully vaccinated designated caregivers and general visitors will change as of next Monday. The provincial requirement is that each LTC Home does random rapid testing for fully vaccinated staff and visitors weekly. We will be modifying our rapid testing to one day per week based upon the availability of staff to perform the testing. A schedule of these dates will be made available. This means that if you are visiting St. Pat's on the day that rapid testing is happening, you will need to be tested. If you visit on any other day you will not need to be rapid tested.

Anyone who is not fully vaccinated will be required to be continue being rapid tested at each visit prior to any contact with a resident. The screener will contact a staff member to come and do the testing when they are available. Resident care will take priority over rapid testing of unvaccinated visitors.

Staff testing will also continue on a weekly basis.

### **Vaccination Status of Staff**

As of November 15, 2021, the provincial mandate that all staff who work in LTC Homes be fully vaccinated was implemented. We have 7 staff from a variety of departments who are currently on unpaid leave of absence as they are not fully vaccinated. We are hopeful that they will return soon once they receive their vaccinations.

Be well and safe,

***Janet Morris***  
President and CEO