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

Hello, we now have all of the results from the resident Covid19 swabs on Waterford who had contact with the positive resident and they are all negative!

Unfortunately, a fully vaccinated staff member who worked on Waterford has tested positive. We wish them well in their recovery.

This staff member had close contact with an additional 10 residents providing care. Their families are being notified regarding this close contact. These residents must therefore be in isolation and tested.

Their testing and the re-testing for the original 5 residents will be done on Monday as per guidance from Ottawa Public Health.

We are now on outbreak on Waterford as there are two related cases.

The results received to date from the other staff and visitors are negative but not all results have been received. The residents will be re-tested next week as well.

Unfortunately, in an unrelated case, a vaccinated student who was here on placement has tested positive. They worked on Donegal and provided care to 3 residents. These residents are now on isolation and will be tested.

There is no connection between the case on Waterford and the case on Donegal.

The reality is that number of cases in the community continues to rise and unfortunately we are seeing an increased number of vaccinated people testing as positive. Anyone who had their second dose at least 6 months ago is now eligible to get the booster third dose. It is highly recommended.

Many residents who are eligible to have the booster third dose have received it. As other residents become eligible we will continue offering the booster shot to them as well.

### **Rapid Testing**

As mentioned on Wednesday in the Family Update, the rapid testing process will change as of next week to one day per week for testing. Anyone visiting St. Pat's on the date of testing must

have a rapid test completed prior to visiting. The schedule for the next two weeks is: Wednesday, Nov. 24 between 7 am and 3 pm. and on Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 3pm to 8 pm.

The next update is planned for Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Be safe and take care,

***Janet Morris***  
President and CEO