



November 22, 2021

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, over the weekend St. Pat's had 2 additional resident Covid19 cases identified through a PCR test. All of the residents on Waterford were swabbed yesterday for Covid19. We have received some negative results and are awaiting results from the others. Staff who worked on Waterford have also been tested and to date all of these results are negative.

Rapid Testing

Rapid testing for vaccinated designated caregivers and general visitors has changed. We are no longer doing a weekly rapid test for all people entering the building. We are required to do random weekly testing; therefore, once a week there will be rapid testing. Everyone visiting on the date and time that rapid testing is taking place, will be tested. If you do not visit on the day of rapid testing, you do not have to get tested.

Rapid testing will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 7am to 3pm, and the following week the date will now be Dec. 2, from 3pm to 8 pm.

Unvaccinated designated caregivers and general visitors must continue be tested at each visit. As the rapid testing room is not being staff every day now there may be a wait for this test to be completed.

We have seen cases where someone has a negative rapid test and in a day or two develops symptoms and then tests positive on a PCR test. The rapid test is a screening tool not a definitive diagnostic test. Asymptomatic people can spread the virus and test negative on a rapid test. This is why the infection prevention protocols are so important.

Infection Prevention and Control Protocols

Please see the links attached as a reminder for all of us on the necessary protocols:

<https://stpats.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IPAC-Education-for-Visitors-FINAL.pdf>

<https://stpats.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Indoor-Visiting-Requirements-October-13-2021-FINAL.pdf>

The cohorting of staff and residents continues to be in place to contain the spread of Covid19. Please remember to maintain physical distance from other residents when visiting to assist in limiting potential spread.

Booster information

Vaccination has been the best protection from this virus, and those who had their second shot 6 months ago, are now eligible for the booster shot. This is an added protection for everyone and if you are eligible, please get this booster. It will help protect everyone.

The next update will be on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021.

Be safe and take care,

Janet Morris

President and CEO