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

### **COVID Update:**

Unfortunately, we have a new positive resident case on Dublin. This puts the home area on suspect outbreak. Staff testing for those who worked on Dublin will be completed in the next few days. Some residents will be placed on isolation due to this new case. If it is your loved one, you will be notified by phone this evening.

We also received another positive result for a resident on Cavan. There are currently three active resident cases on Cavan. Some of the Cavan residents have completed their ten days of isolation with two negative PCR results and are no longer on precautions. Other Cavan residents remain on isolation based on exposure date. The entire home area remains on confirmed outbreak.

As a reminder, Waterford and Carlow are also in confirmed outbreak.

Just a reminder, residents on isolation or on confirmed outbreak areas are not allowed general visitors and designated caregivers can only visit one at a time. These residents are not permitted social outings.

### **Social Outings:**

We received new guidance regarding resident social outings yesterday. Residents that go on social absences on a daily/frequent basis are to have a laboratory-based PCR test and rapid antigen test, on the same day, two times per week (e.g., PCR and rapid test on Tuesday; and PCR and rapid antigen test on Friday). For social day absences, residents are to be actively screened upon return; rapid antigen test and laboratory-based PCR test at day three upon return, followed by a laboratory-based PCR test at day seven, and not isolated unless tested positive.

### **Rapid Testing:**

We have received our supply of rapid testing kits. Everyone is required to be tested every 48 hours at this time. There may be a line-up or a wait time for staff to be available to complete the tests. Please be patient as our nurses' priorities are the residents.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and a Healthy and Hopeful 2022,

***Janet Morris***  
President and CEO