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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we have had an additional staff member who worked on Carlow test positive today. The residents who may be affected by this close contact will require isolation if they are not already in isolation. Family members will be contacted if there is a new requirement for isolation.

In discussion with Ottawa Public Health, for each new exposure the residents must isolate for the full 10 days following the exposure.

We have received a positive result from a resident on Kilkenny and therefore the home area is in outbreak as there have been positive staff cases there previously.

There have been no other changes for the other home areas.

Ottawa Public Health has now declared that we are in a “Whole Home” outbreak due to the number of affected home areas. This means that hairdressing and Mass are suspended. However, Mass can occur on the home areas and will rotate to the non-affected areas. In addition, visiting will be limited to one designated caregiver at a time for ALL residents.

Although the province has changed the isolation requirements for the community, our isolation requirements continue to be 10 days. Also, if someone has been identified as requiring to isolate for 5 days in the community, they must still not come into a long term care home or other congregate living site until the full 10 days of isolation.

As a reminder, here are the Enhanced Measures for LTC put in place by the province:
<https://stpats.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/LTC-Visitors-Absences-and-Social-Gatherings-Snapshot-2021.12.28.pdf>

Stay healthy and safe,

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