



January 6, 2022

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

Hello, there is currently one Covid19 positive resident at St. Pat's. There are however residents on isolation due to a close contact exposure with a staff member or designated caregiver. These isolation periods are different for each person based upon their date of exposure.

Yesterday we had 4 staff test positive on a rapid test, however for some of these people there is no close contact with residents. There was close contact with 7 residents on Waterford, and this will extend their specific isolation period unfortunately. The family members of these residents will be notified directly.

There are a number of staff who have tested positive and are off work for their 10 day isolation period or who have been in close contact with a positive case in the community and must isolate. We wish them well. This is putting a strain on staff resources. Our staff are doing their very best to support the residents and we are so thankful for their dedication and commitment. We know that all of the designated caregivers are also doing their best to support the residents and greatly appreciate your help and understanding as we get through this difficult fourth wave.

### Fourth dose of Covid19 Vaccine for Residents

We know that the opportunity for a fourth dose of vaccine is coming for the residents although we do not have any details yet. We would like to get the consent for the fourth dose organized so we are prepared once there is more detail on when and how this can be given. A consent form is attached to today's email for those who are the power of attorney (POA) or the substitute decision maker (SDM). This form is also available to pick up at reception. Once you, as the POA or SDM, have made the decision and have signed the consent form, please provide it to the RPN on your loved one's home area.

### Third dose of Covid19 Vaccine for Caregivers

The province has now mandated a booster (3<sup>rd</sup> dose) of the vaccine for staff, students, volunteers, support workers and caregivers. Caregivers who were eligible on or before December 31, 2021 have until January 28, 2022 to show proof of their booster dose. Those who are not yet eligible will have until May 23, 2022 to show proof of their booster dose. Please provide proof of your 3<sup>rd</sup> dose to the front desk by email at: [recept@stpats.ca](mailto:recept@stpats.ca) or in person.

The next planned update will be on Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> unless there are new home areas impacted.

Stay safe and be well,

***Janet Morris***

President and CEO