



January 20, 2022

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, last evening we received a positive result from a staff member on Wexford. Unfortunately, a number of residents are considered close contacts and must isolate due to this contact. The POA or substitute decision maker have been notified.

The surveillance testing done on Donegal has identified a new resident who is Covid19 positive. Another resident is now considered resolve as they are asymptomatic and beyond 10 days from the positive result. Therefore, in total we currently have 2 residents who are positive.

Third Booster Dose

The Ministry of LTC has a new immunization policy. The immunization policy directive states that designated caregivers who were eligible for a third dose on or before December 31, 2021 must receive their third dose by January 28, 2022, and caregivers who become eligible for a third dose on or after January 1, 2022 must receive their third dose by May 23, 2022 (unless a valid medical exemption is provided). If a caregiver becomes eligible after May 23rd, 2022 they should receive their third dose as soon as possible after becoming eligible. Eligibility is determined as 3 months after the second dose.

Where a caregiver has not received required doses by the deadlines, the visit should be restricted to the resident's room and every effort should be made to physically distance from other residents/individuals that are in the same room.

In order to track vaccination status, as you come in to visit we would like to see your vaccination certificate for your second dose or third dose. This will help us know who has the third booster and who has the two shots. We will only ask you to show this once and we will document the date of your second or third shot. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Staff members, volunteers, support workers and students also have the requirement to receive their third dose if eligible by January 28, 2022 in order to come into a long term care home. Staff, support workers, student placements, volunteers and caregivers who are not eligible for a third dose by the established deadlines can continue to enter a long-term. If they are not eligible as of January 1, 2021 for their third dose, then they must have their third dose by March 14, 2022.

Stay safe and well,

Janet Morris
President and CEO