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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, yesterday there were positive rapid test results from staff and we have had one positive result this morning. These staff had close contact with residents on Cavan, Carlow and Wexford. The identified close contacts will unfortunately need to be in isolation, if not already and their families will be contacted to inform them.

There are currently 2 active resident cases and 22 staff cases. There is also 1 companion caregiver and 2 students who are active cases. In addition, there are a number of staff off as they have been in close contact with a positive case in the community.

It is very difficult for anyone who has a positive test result, for the residents who have to isolate for 10 days, for the other staff adjusting their routine to include the isolation precautions as well as for the designated caregivers. I know everyone is tired, frustrated and sad as we learn about new cases and having to isolate residents and seeing more staff away. We all know friends and family who has been identified as a close contact and therefore required to isolate in the community. It is a challenge for all of us.

This wave of Covid19 and the variants is having impacts across our society, and it is impacting long term care homes significantly. At this time the only people being tested for Covid19 are essential workers, so it seems like LTC homes, retirement homes; hospitals and other congregate living organizations are the only places with Covid19. I am thankful that we have access to testing so that we can contain this highly contagious variant and limit the spread, isolate until the contagious period is completed and therefore reduce the negative health outcomes for the residents.

The hope to reduce the future impact of Covid19 is that the residents have had or are getting their fourth dose of the vaccine and the rest of us have or are getting our third dose of the vaccine.

The next planned update is on Monday January 24th.

Have a safe weekend,

Janet Morris
President and CEO