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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, St. Pat's is out of outbreak!!

Thank you to everyone for your patience and your support during this outbreak. It has been a challenge for everyone, the residents, the staff and the designated caregivers. Although the outbreak is over, the majority of the infection prevention and control protocols remain in place. Rapid testing continues for everyone every 48 hours, masks and eye protection will still be worn, screening for everyone continues and there are limits on the size of groups for activities.

The rapid testing has identified some positive cases of staff and designated caregivers over the weekend, however, there was no resident contact in the 48 hours prior to the test so there is no impact on residents.

Today we are attaching the updated guidance from the Ministry of LTC on visiting and social absences as of February 21st. There are changes to the protocols, which are outlined in the attachments and the new ones are highlighted.

One of the significant changes is that residents who have had at least 3 doses of the vaccine can go out for overnight social absences. When residents return from an overnight absence they will:

- Be actively screened and then monitored for symptoms twice daily for 10 days
- Residents with 3 or 4 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine:
 - If returning from a hospital*: PCR or rapid antigen tested prior to or when returning home and **quarantined until a negative test result can be obtained**
 - If returning from the community: be screened **and quarantine on arrival until negative PCR test result or rapid molecular test result from day five test.**
- Those residents who do not have 3 or 4 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine are required to **quarantine for 10 days with a PCR test on day five.**
- [LTC Visitor Absences Social Gatherings Snapshot \(English\)](#)
- [LTC COVID-19 What residents can expect \(English\)](#)

The next scheduled update will be on Friday, February 25th unless there are any changes to communicate.

Be well and stay safe,

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