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

Hello, we remain COVID free at St. Pat's! We continue to see positive results on rapid tests for both staff and visitors, but luckily this has had little impact on residents. The families of any residents affected are notified directly.

### **Infection Control:**

With the lifting of COVID related restrictions in the community, proper infection control practices remain the best way to keep yourself and St. Pat's community safe. Mandatory masking continues at all times at St. Pat's and we encourage anyone visiting to maintain all precautions when in the community. Reminders on proper procedures can be found on our website:

<https://stpats.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/IPAC-Education-for-Visitors-032022.pdf>

### **Eye Protection:**

Staff have been directed that eye protection is to be used for all direct care with residents but do not have to wear it around other masked people, such as other staff and visitors.

Families/friends can choose whether to wear eye protection or not when with the resident, with the understanding that should the resident become COVID positive they will be required to isolate from the home for 10 days if they were not wearing it. They would be considered a close contact regardless of vaccination status at this time.

### **LAST CALL: Strategic Planning - Family Consultations**

As a reminder, St. Pat's Board of Directors and Leadership Team are currently in the process of strategic planning for the future. An important part of this planning is to engage staff, residents, families and other stakeholders. An invitation for families to join in facilitated sessions to provide their feedback regarding strategic priorities is available on our website:

<https://stpats.ca/family-strategic-planning-consultation-invitation/>

As a reminder, there is a separate process to join the Family and Friends Council session which has been communicated to all members.

Be well and stay safe,

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President and CEO