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

Hello, we have had one additional staff case linked to the current outbreak on Carlow. There are a total of 3 staff cases however all of the resident test results were negative on both Carlow and Galway, so there are no resident cases!

We have had increasing numbers of staff and designated caregivers who have tested positive on rapid tests from other home areas. Some of these positive cases have no impact on residents but with others there is limited low risk contact for residents on Kerry, Wexford and Waterford. Residents are not required to isolate and their families are notified. Residents who have a low risk contact will be tested 5 days post contact.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

Although the community infection prevention and control requirements have changed over the past few weeks, there are really no changes within high risk environments such as St. Pat's. There are increasing levels of Covid19 in Ottawa with fewer pandemic requirements. There are also a number of staff who are not able to work for 10 days as they have had a close contact with a positive Covid19 person in the community. This is a reality as case numbers rise in the community and the restrictions on entering a high risk environment such as St. Pat's. As per the screening if you have had close contact with a positive Covid19 person or has symptoms consistent with Covid19 you cannot enter a high risk environment for 10 days. If you have any symptoms of Covid19 please stay home. This is the best way to limit spread and keep our residents safe.

Within St. Pat's everyone is still required to screen upon entry, wear our masks at all times inside and outside, keep physically distanced, restrict eating or drinking with residents, follow the required hand hygiene protocols always, and remember that any action we take outside of St. Pat's can impact the residents at St. Pat's. Eye protection is required to be worn by staff whenever they are providing care or service to residents. It is recommended for all designated caregivers and general visitors as well for your protection.

Let's all work together to limit the spread of Covid19 at St. Pat's.

Be well and stay safe,

***Janet Morris***  
President and CEO