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

Hello, unfortunately we have a confirmed positive PCR result from the resident on Carlow who previously had a low level detection. The testing was completed following a low risk contact with a positive case from last week. Given there are two positive cases on Carlow, one staff member and one resident, Carlow is considered in outbreak.

A resident on Dublin has also tested positive today following a PCR test. We have also now received positive PCR results from 3 staff members on Dublin which therefore puts Dublin into an outbreak. The other residents will be tested as well as a precaution.

The residents on Kerry are having their PCR's swabs completed and we will await the results.

The community spread of Covid19 remains very high, and we encourage all to follow every precaution in the community.

### **Outbreak Precautions:**

- The home areas on outbreak have some additional precautions in place, although only those residents who are positive or a high risk contact require isolation. Other residents are not on isolation precautions and can go outside for a walk and fresh air.
- Only one designated caregiver can visit at a time. No general visitors can visit during an outbreak.
- Eye protection is required for everyone on outbreak home areas.
- Full PPE – mask, gloves and gowns are required for entering a resident's room who is in isolation.

### **Everyone needs to continue with our ongoing precautions:**

- Masks must be worn at all times in the home and on the property.
- Eating or drinking areas are designated on the ground floor and physical distancing is required. Residents cannot be present when anyone removes their mask to eat or drink.
- Diligent hand hygiene is required at all times.
- Vaccination is one of the layer of protection and we encourage everyone to get the booster(s) when you are eligible.

Please use this link to the education on precautions for your review: <https://stpats.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/IPAC-Education-for-Visitors-032022.pdf>

Stay safe and be well,

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