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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Unfortunately, the surveillance testing of residents following a low risk contact with a positive Covid19 case has identified 4 residents on Dublin and 1 resident on Cavan who are Covid19 positive. Their families have been notified.

Cavan is now considered in outbreak as there are two positive cases, one resident and one staff.

The 4 additional resident cases on Dublin are from resident to resident contacts. As per the Ministry of LTC Guidelines, when there is a low risk contact with a staff or visitor who is wearing a mask, the residents do not need to isolate and are tested on the fifth day following contact. The goal of this guideline is to minimize the number of residents in isolation and reduce the amount of time that residents need to isolate. This however brings a risk of resident to resident transmission. The residents who are a low risk contact are not in isolation between the contact and the testing and are therefore in contact with other residents, certainly without masks at meal time and potentially at other times. This is when the risk of resident to resident transmission is present.

Upon the receipt of a positive surveillance PCR test, the resident is isolated and any residents whom they may have been in contact with are also required to isolate as they are considered high risk contacts. They will also have a PCR test 5 days after the last contact. Resident to resident transmission can happen in the dining room and during other interactions when residents do not have masks on. Please encourage mask use as much as possible for the residents.

Kerry is now off of isolation!

The home areas now in outbreak are: Cavan, Carlow and Dublin.

Outbreak requirements on Cavan, Carlow and Dublin

- Eye protection is required on the home areas in outbreak for staff, designated caregivers and support staff.
- When a home area is in outbreak, only designated caregivers may visit, one at a time. General visitors are not able to visit during an outbreak.
- Residents who are on these home areas who are not in isolation are able to leave the home area to go outside for fresh air. Meal service continues in the dining room for those residents who are not in isolation.

We ask that everyone stay vigilant in the home and out in the community with masking and physical distancing. Please continue to wear a mask out in public to keep yourself and your family safe. Get your vaccinations and boosters when eligible. Do proper Hand Hygiene everywhere and maintain physical distancing.

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Visitor Parking Passes

Designated caregivers and general visitors are eligible to park in the visitor parking. In order to identify those who should be in visitor parking, could you pick up a Visitor Parking Pass at the screener when you come in and place it in your car. Once you have one just keep using the same one. We can then easily identify whether there are other cars in visitor parking who are not visitors.

Be safe and stay well,

Janet Morris
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