



July 20, 2022

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, as of today, there is an outbreak on Carlow, with one resident who has tested positive on a rapid test yesterday and a second one today who has tested positive. They are in isolation, as are their high risk close contacts who share the dining room table or are room mates. Designated caregivers can continue to visit wearing the required PPE including masks, eye protection, gowns and gloves. Visiting other residents by designated caregivers can continue as well, with eye protection as well as masks. General visitors may not visit on Carlow while in outbreak.

Unfortunately, as you are aware the number of cases is rapidly increasing in the community and with this comes increased risk to cases within St. Pat's. We will continue to follow all of the required protocols to reduce the impact of another wave of Covid19 at St. Pat's. We continue to have staff, designated caregivers and visitors who are testing positive and who are considered low risk contacts to the residents. These residents are monitored and tested at 5 days after contact.

We are attaching the link to the required infection prevention and control best practices as a reminder for you: <https://stpats.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/IPAC-Education-for-Visitors-032022.pdf>

Contractors on Site

As we continue to explore the feasibility and potential for affordable and supportive housing, we have some testing that we need to do. On Friday July 22, we will have a company here drilling 3 boreholes to take soil samples and to test the ground water. Gemtec, along with a licensed drilling subcontractor, will be drilling a total of 3 boreholes 4.0 meters below ground surface. Soil samples will be taken from each borehole and submitted for analysis. Currently, GEMTEC plans to be on site on July 22nd around 8AM for the drilling. They expect the drilling and well development to go until around 5 PM. They plan to return to St. Patrick's Home July 25th to collect groundwater samples; the collection of the groundwater samples shouldn't take longer than 4-5 hours.

Town Halls

We have now completed 3 of the Town Hall meetings and we are getting good feedback. We received the suggestion that we provide everyone with the questions being used to guide our discussion prior to the meetings. Please find attached to this update the questions being used as a guide for the meetings. Please keep in mind that we are constantly modifying the questions to try and make it as clear as possible so the exact wording may be different by the time you attend your townhall meeting. Once we have completed all of the meetings we will be summarizing the themes that have come out and will provide these in a later update.

These Town Hall Meetings which started this week will continue into early August. Full details and the schedule are available here:

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/c973062c/Pl2gl_GRak_NbR3u9No0BQ?u=https://stpats.ca/town-halls/ These meetings are being held in-person on the house area dining rooms as per the schedule. There is no need to sign-up to attend. Attached is a list of questions which are the focus of discussion at these meetings.

2021 Annual Report

St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa's 2021 Annual Report is here! This report gives a glimpse of how life at St. Pat's continued with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also highlights the innovation, compassion and resilience of the St. Pat's team. The 2021 Annual Report can be viewed here:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/0a9c7c2f/be9pTCaAXESIuuJ9KrfHpw?u=https://www.flipsnack.com/stpats2865/2021-annual-report/full-view.html>

Be well and stay safe,

Janet Morris

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