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

Hello, the outbreak on Carlow continues however, the number of residents who are positive is now at 2. The other resident cases are now resolved.

Galway is now considered in outbreak as a staff member tested positive following the one resident case last week.

Donegal continues to see more positive resident cases with now 19 residents who are positive.

Today on Dublin one resident has tested positive, therefore Dublin is considered in suspect outbreak. There is no restriction for general visitors during a suspect outbreak.

We currently have a number of active positive staff cases related to the outbreak. Some of the staff who have had Covid19 are now resolved and able to return to work, however some remain off in isolation. There are also a number of staff who have Covid19 unrelated to the outbreak at St. Pat's or have been close contacts in the community and therefore not able to come to work.

**As a reminder to everyone, if you have any symptoms of Covid19 please do not visit.**

The infection prevention and control protocols in long term care homes are not the same as in the community.

Masks are required in the home as well as on the grounds. Please do not remove your mask to eat or drink when a resident is present. Maintain physical distancing. Eye protection is required for staff when providing resident care and is strongly recommended for all designated caregivers and visitors.

If you have visited and later test positive for Covid19, please let us know. This helps to identify whether there are close contacts for our residents.

The community surge is stretching resources across the health care system as this wave is spreading in the community, in hospitals and in congregate living settings. Please protect the residents at St. Pat's by following all of the required protocols.

### **St. Marguerite d'Youville Award**

The annual St. Marguerite d'Youville Excellence Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of employees at St. Patrick's Home Ottawa, who have three or more years of service.

The goal of this award is to recognize individuals who have made a consistent and ongoing commitment in the tradition and mission of St. Marguerite d'Youville.

#### **The criteria for the award indicate nomination is based on:**

Recognizing individuals who have made an outstanding commitment, in the tradition and mission of St. Marguerite d'Youville.

Individuals who have demonstrated personal qualities and exceptional skills, either in their department or throughout the home, as demonstrated in their actions, or the guidance they have provided.

The St. Marguerite d'Youville Award Nomination Form is now posted on the website: <https://stpats.ca/marguerite-dyouville-award-nomination-2/>. Please feel free to nominate any staff member that you feel has lived the Mission, Vision and Values of St. Pat's.

Take care and stay well,

***Janet Morris***  
President and CEO