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## UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello,

The COVID whole home outbreak continues. The number of positive resident cases are as follows:

Galway = 7

Cavan = 13

Kilkenny = 2

Waterford = 14

Wexford = 19

Designated caregivers can continue to visit COVID positive residents and must wear the required PPE including masks, eye protection, gowns and gloves and stay in the resident's room for the entire visit. Visiting other residents on those house areas by designated caregivers can continue as well, with eye protection as well as masks. Although the Ministry has indicated that designated caregivers can remove their mask in resident rooms, **we are strongly recommending that masks be worn at all times during the outbreak.** General visitors may not visit while we are in whole home outbreak.

In addition to the resident cases, we are experiencing some staffing challenges as there are a number of staff off with COVID. We are utilizing all available resources, including part time, casual and agency staff as we work to ensure residents receive the care they need.

As a refresher, here is the link to the IPAC education that should be regularly reviewed by all designated caregivers and visitors: <https://stpats.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/IPAC-Education-for-Visitors-032022.pdf>

Be well and stay safe,

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