



September 27, 2023

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, we remain in Covid19 outbreak at St. Pat's. The outbreak on Kerry has been declared over. We however do have 3 home areas remaining with positive Covid19 cases and therefore in outbreak: Cavan, Galway and Dublin.

As of today, Wexford is in an outbreak with residents with respiratory symptoms, however, the residents have rapid tested negative for Covid19. We are awaiting PCR results to determine what the cause is of the respiratory symptoms.

The protocols for the home areas in outbreak – Wexford; Cavan; Galway and Dublin are:

- Wear a mask at all times while on the home area. These are available at the main entrance or at the entrance to the specific home area. If you need a new mask please ask a staff member.
- When visiting a resident who is in isolation, you are required to wear a mask, face shield or goggles, a gown and gloves.
- Use hand sanitizer before entering and after leaving the unit. Wash your hands frequently during your visit.
- Residents who are not in isolation may leave the home area for a walk outside but cannot attend any activities outside of the home area.

All other home areas continue with normal infection prevention and control protocols.

Please feel free to wear a mask when visiting. Masks are available for those who make that choice.

If you feel unwell or have any flu or COVID-19 like symptoms, please stay home.

Family and Friends Survey

Thank you do those who have already completed the survey. Just a reminder to those who have not yet done so to please complete the survey, we have extended the deadline to Friday October 6th. If you are the primary POA of Care/Substitute Decision Maker and did not receive a link by email, please email cherylplater@stpats.ca

Research Project

St. Pat's is partnering with a research team from the Ottawa Hospital on a project whose aim is support long-term care residents as they transition between LTC and acute care hospitalization. With assistance from residents, family members and friends, the research team intends to create, evaluate, and implement decision support tools that can make transitions in care more person-centered for LTC residents. The research team is scheduled to meet with Friends and Family Council at its meeting this Saturday. Please find attached the research team's recruitment poster.

Meeting Notice

A meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday September 30th at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Families and friends who are not currently on Council's email list are invited to attend as well. You can contact us at stpatsffc@gmail.com to obtain the Zoom link.

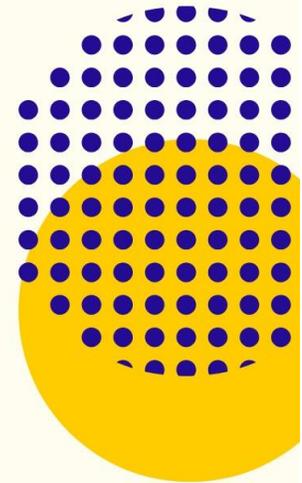
All families and friends are invited to attend to exchange ideas, receive updates, bring forward concerns and receive information on topics affecting their loved one's care and wellbeing.

**Jaime Impey, Acting Chair
Family and Friends Council**

Stay well and keep safe,

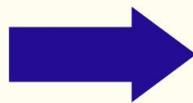
Janet Morris
President and CEO

Research Participants Needed



Do you qualify?

- Are you a current long-term care (LTC) **resident, caregiver or staff member**?
- Have you or the resident(s) you care for previously been **transferred from LTC to the hospital**?
- If you answered **YES** to these questions please consider participating in our study.
- Participation is voluntary and will not impact your care in any way.



Who are we?

We are a research team interested in developing decision-making tools to support transitions between long-term care and acute care hospitalization

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