



March 6, 2024

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

Hello, happy to report that St. Pat's has no outbreak at this time.

**The Ministry of Long Term Care (MLTC) is ending the required masking measures effective immediately March 4, 2024:**

Masking in non-outbreak situations in LTCHs continues to be:

### **1. Staff, students, volunteers, and support workers:**

- Masks are required based on a point of care risk assessment (PCRA) before every resident interaction, and based on the return-to-work protocols
- Staff may consider wearing a mask during prolonged direct resident care defined as one-on-one within two metres of an individual for fifteen minutes or longer
- Masks are not required in administrative and staff-only areas (for example: lunchrooms, breakroom, offices, and gyms)

### **2. Caregivers and visitors:**

- Masks are recommended, but not required, in all areas of the home

## **Family and Friends Council Meeting Notice**

Please see below a notice from the Family and Friends Council.

Be well and stay safe,

***Monique Patterson***

Interim President and CEO

### **Family and Friends Council Meeting Notice**

A meeting of Family and Friends Council is scheduled for Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

***St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa, 2865 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 8N5 (613) 731-4660***

## Call for Participation

### **COUNCIL VACANCIES – volunteers needed**

Council members are required for the following **vacancies** both on Council Executive and Home Teams and Committees. Your participation ensures that the Council continues to be a **stakeholder** in the Home's operations and a **voice** for our residents:

#### **St. Patrick's Family & Friends Council executive:**

- co-chairs
- treasurer

#### **Teams and Committees:**

- Quality Committee (meets quarterly)
- Infection Prevention and Control committee (meets monthly)
- Person Directed Care Advisory team – 1 of 2 spots (meets quarterly)
- Equity, Diversion & Inclusion team (NEW, meeting schedule TBD)
- Donegal Liaison with Residents' Council (meets monthly)
- Ministry Inspection Reports monitor (as required)

Please consider volunteering your time on behalf of the Council, your family, the residents

**Jaime Impey, Secretary**  
**Family and Friends Council**