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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello,

Outbreak Status

We are currently outbreak free!

The Substitute Decisions Act

Many residents and their families have a Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Finance. These important legal documents reflect each person's wishes about medical treatment, personal care and financial decision-making if he or she is no longer able to make these wishes known to family members or care providers. Power of Attorney information is recorded by the Finance Department on admission. A copy of the Power of Attorney for Care and Power of Attorney for Property are kept in the Finance Office along with the first page of the Will.

On the day that a resident moves to St. Patrick's Home, the Resident Accounts Clerk will meet with the resident and family. If the resident does not have a designated Power of Attorney document or a Legal Guardian document, this document can be completed with guidance from the Social Workers or the VP of Nursing. If the resident is not capable of designating a POA, the home will follow the Substitute Decisions Act: <https://www.canlii.org/en/on/laws/stat/so-1992-c-30/latest/so-1992-c-30.html>

This Act specifies who will act as the Substitute Decision Maker based upon the relationship that they have with the resident, such as spouse, son or daughter, etc.

The Care Team needs up-to-date information and will review each situation and the resident's wishes at the move-in meeting, which occurs four to six weeks after move-in, and regularly at annual meetings, or if there is a change in medical condition.

Kind Regards,
Monique Patterson,
President and CEO