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Dear families,

The holiday season is upon us and I wanted to let you know that Holy Family Home continues to have different viruses circulating within the home. We will continue to do our best to communicate this information to you on a regular basis. Signage is posted throughout the home including the main entrance, elevators and on the units in outbreak when outbreaks do occur. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the unit nurse or social workers if you do have questions about outbreaks.

On Tuesday December 5, 2023, Holy Family Home resolved our scabies outbreak on 3C St. John's/St. Paul's unit per regional infection prevention and control and our medical director's guidance. Thank you to all the residents and families for their patience as we navigated this outbreak. The team learned a lot about scabies and the management of the spread and we will ensure to share all these learnings if any additional scabies outbreaks occur in the home in the future.

Last week we did resolve our Respiratory Outbreak of COVID 19 on 1C St. Luke's as per regional infection prevention and control and our medical director. We had 3 residents who tested positive for COVID during this outbreak. We initiated outbreak measures on the unit to prevent the spread of the virus to other residents. Thank you all for following the outbreak measures to help us prevent additional spread. We did have this outbreak resolve on Nov. 30, 2023.

On Friday Dec. 1, 2023 we did initiate pre-outbreak measures on 2A sacred heart due to one resident developing a COVID 19 infection. This unit is not in official outbreak, but the pre-outbreak measures will remain in place until at least the end of the week. If no additional residents develop respiratory symptoms these pre-outbreak measures will be resolved later this week.

Below are the list of pre- outbreak measures that have been initiated on 2A Sacred Heart:

- 1. Residents are not to leave the unit for off unit activities including hairdressing appointments
- 2. All large group activities can continue on the unit only
- 3. Physical distancing during meal times as able
- 4. Active Case finding and isolation of residence who are symptomatic
- 5. Families are to visit with residents on the unit in resident rooms only
- 6. Staff and visitors are to wear masks while on the unit
- 7. Increased high touch surface cleaning
- 8. Increased hand washing

Please watch for signage around the home for your most current outbreak information.

Thank you to all the families for being part of our team and helping us care for your loved ones. We have been enjoying seeing those of you who are joining our Christmas celebrations, but for those of you who are not able to join the parties, I want to wish you hope, peace and many Christmas cookies this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Stacey Morgan RNBN, Director of Care

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