



April 7, 2020

To date we have sent 12 swabs for testing; one result is pending and 11 were negative for COVID-19. There are five residents who are positive for RSV, a respiratory syncytial virus that mimics the common cold.

Please note that if your loved one is waiting for testing results please speak directly with a member of the care team; they are always the best source of accurate up-to-date information.

We have multiple staff who are awaiting testing or testing results for COVID-19 and one employee who received a positive result. The date of contact as determined by public health occurred after her last day worked at Saint Vincent's. They did not consider her a risk to the residents or staff so no action was required.

Yesterday the Medical Officer of Health issued a directive to long-term care. This formalized what Saint Vincent's and most homes are already doing. We actively screen both residents and staff each day and are reporting all activity to public health.

Anya Teri, a Resident Care Manager, is in the process of calling all residents' Substitute Decision Maker to discuss both treatment protocols for COVID-19 in the elderly and to discuss the specific goals of care for residents should an outbreak occur.

Requests for phone or video calls can be arranged through our Recreation Therapy Department by calling 902-429-0550 ext. 119.

As always, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Angela Berrette, Executive Director at aberrette@svnh.ca.