

## **URGENT COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

### **30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Good afternoon Residents, Representatives, Visitors, Staff and Contractors,**

Please be advised that we currently have three (3) residents and a number of staff with confirmed cases of Covid - 19. This meets the current outbreak definitions as per Communicable Disease Network Australia's national guidelines for the prevention, control and public health management of Covid - 19 outbreaks in residential care facilities.

At this stage, the outbreak has been confined to the Seahaven and Keith wing of our facility. (These wings have been designated a Red Zone.)

In accordance with the relevant national guidelines, we are instigating the following:

1. Notification to all relevant government and departmental authorities.
2. Notification/contact to all residents, representatives, GP's and allied health professionals, staff, and other persons as necessary.
3. Activation of our Outbreak Management Plan.
4. Activation of our Outbreak Management Response team.
5. All confirmed cases within the Red Zone are isolating.
6. All other residents in the Red Zone are considered close contacts.
7. Residents within the Red Zone considered asymptomatic close contacts are able to interact with other residents, excluding confirmed cases, but are restricted to this wing. This includes communal dining where the resident chooses to do so and access to external garden areas.
8. Residents in the Red Zone are not permitted to leave the facility unless for medical or emergency/compassionate reasons.
9. Activities in the Red Zone have been restricted.
10. Visitors to confirmed cases and close contacts are restricted to two (2) visitors on each occasion. There are no limits to the number of visits, or the length of visit time.
11. Visits are restricted to the resident's room or external areas.
12. All visitors into the Red Zone must wear full P.P.E.
13. All visitors require a negative R.A.T result prior to entry into the Red Zone. (These are available on site at no cost.)
14. We are liaising with the relevant health authorities regarding the use of anti-viral medication and other treatments as appropriate.
15. All staff entering the Red Zone are required to wear full P.P.E and provide a negative R.A.T result before the commencement of each shift.

At this stage, all other areas of Sunnymeade are considered Green Zones and as such, our usual infection control and visiting procedures remain in place.

We apologise for any inconvenience that these measures may cause, however with Covid – 19 now being endemic within the community they are necessary for the safety and wellbeing of our residents.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Facility Manager Mandy Saunders on ext. 103 or our IPC lead Samantha Watkinson on ext. 142.

We thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

Yours Sincerely,

*Mandy Saunders*

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**Facility Manager**