



## COVID 19 UPDATE 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

### **Attention all residents, families, friends, staff, volunteers, contractors, suppliers.**

The situation across Europe appears to be worsening with the risk of a 'second wave' in certain parts now being discussed as a real possibility. There remains little sign of any improvement across the United States; Latin America, some parts of Africa, and in some regions across Asia.

In Australia the story is more positive; however Victoria in particular continues to be of concern. Notwithstanding the gradual improvement in case numbers, travel to and from Victoria would appear to be unlikely in the short to medium term. The border zone with New South Wales has been extended although a decision on the easing of more travel restrictions is yet to be announced.

Aged Care Direction (No. 13) remains in effect in Queensland as do other directions surrounding gatherings, travel etc. although a number of restrictions within these directions have been altered/removed.

On a positive note we are pleased to advise that in accordance with the latest State Government Health advice we are now no longer considered to be in a restricted zone. Certain restrictions have been relaxed and we are now in a position to re-introduce a more flexible approach to visitors.

### **NEW VISITING ARRANGEMENTS AS OF MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28 2020**

- To date no confirmed cases of Covid-19 to Sunnymeade residents or staff.
- Do not visit or enter if you feel in the slightest way unwell, have a cough, any symptoms of cold or flu, or believe that you may have been in contact with any person who is unwell.
- Do not visit if you have recently been in Victoria or any other declared hot spot area.
- **Visits are available Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and there is no time limit to the length of the visit.**
- **Visits must be booked no less than twenty four (24) hours in advance. Please contact reception.**
- **Visits on weekends, Public holidays, or out of hours are available if you are unable to attend during the week because of work or other commitments.**
- **Visits on weekends, Public holidays, or out of hours must be organised in advance and authorised by, the Director of Care, the Clinical Co-ordinator, or the Registered Nurse in charge of the facility.**
- **Visits are available in resident rooms or in three (3) designated indoor/outdoor areas.**
- **No restriction on number of visits/visitors per day to residents, however a maximum of two (2) visitors are permitted at any one (1) time.**
- **All visitors, including contractors and out of hours visitors must report to the main entry, Keith Wing, for screening prior to entry (Near the rose garden).**

- All pick-ups/and deliveries, including those for residents, are to be made at the Keith Wing reception and the main loading bay area's only.
- Visitors, including contractors etc. are required to have a current influenza vaccination (Unless you have a medical contraindication). Egg allergy is not a contraindication. Proof of vaccination/contraindication status is required.
- Children under sixteen (16) are permitted to visit but they must be vaccinated.
- Residents are permitted to leave or be taken from the facility for external excursions. (Please book this activity twenty four (24) hours in advance and inform us of details.)
- Out of hours excursions must be booked and organised in advance with, and authorised by, the Director of Care, the Clinical Co-ordinator, or the Registered Nurse in charge of the facility. (Please book this activity twenty four (24) hours in advance and inform us of details.)
- Group resident external activities are not permitted. (Organised bus trips etc.)
- Social distancing requirements apply.
- Group activities involving external entertainers, community groups etc. are not permitted.
- Appropriate PPE must be worn by all staff and contractors that work across multiple health care type facilities.
- All other directions as they apply to the wider community are to be observed.

For more detailed information contact [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) or [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au)

Should you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Caron Groth (Resident Liaison), Pat Hamilton (Director of Care), or our Clinical Co-ordinator, Mandy Saunders.

Yours Sincerely,

*Michael Walker*

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