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Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

COVID-19 - UPDATE

As we progress to enabling visiting at James Milson Village, I am mindful that our aim is that we continue to protect all JMV people and that we take every precaution possible to ensure that we remain COVID-19 free.

I was astounded to see news coverage of overcrowded shopping centres and other venues over the weekend with no consideration of social distancing at all.



Such scenarios and practices can create community spread of COVID-19 and place us (NSW & Australia) in a tenuous position once more. James Milson Village remains vulnerable to accidental contact spread as visits commence.

Our Premier has wisely stated on many occasions that despite NSW demonstrating great results (9/5/2020; 2 cases in 24 hours from 9,500 tests) we should still behave as if we are infected. She stated:

"We're at this point in the pandemic because everybody has pulled together and done the right thing. We have to keep our vigilance,"

"Every time you leave the house, you have to assume you have the virus or somebody you're going to contact has the virus.

"That is the only way we will keep this deadly virus at bay.

"Just because we're easing restrictions doesn't mean the virus is less deadly or of less threat. All it means is we have done well to date."

I encourage you all to take on this advice especially when you are considering visiting James Milson Village.

As we are able to move about within our communities and visit family and friends I am reminded of the experience of both Singapore and South Korea; both these countries suffered a rather dramatic 2nd wave of infection when limitations were lifted.

Tracking of contacts; although we do not wish to consider an outbreak at James Milson Village we need to plan for this. Therefore, all visitors will need to be able to recall their movements for the purpose of tracing infection; downloading the COVID Safe App or diarising contacts are my suggestions.

On entry to James Milson Village you will be required to undergo a Health Check and respond to Health related questions; this remains our record to enable us to track information and will also form part of documentation required by the Public Health Unit should we have a positive case identified at James Milson Village.

Of greatest importance is that if you or someone in your immediate contacts or household are at all not well please do not visit until you are tested and symptom free.

This week as we introduce visiting, we will roll out testing of staff for a 2nd time and continue testing your loved ones; the process of testing staff will be on a 3-4 week cycle. I encourage you all to take up the opportunity to be tested; you can locate a testing clinic through the following link: testing sites are available throughout the community

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/clinics.aspx>.

Testing provides that little extra assurance for you that you and although accurate to the day of testing it provides a much needed baseline should a positive case be detected.

Visiting restrictions are important so we are able to monitor and supervise people on site and I stress the requirements while visiting as outlined in my communication last Friday (9 May 2020) will be monitored and you are required to adhere to these processes.

During visits you may notice staff cleaning; we have a process of sanitisation in place that involves sanitising touch points up to 5 times per day; this will increase, and we will be sanitising touch points at the commencement of visits and after visits.

It is through such measures that we as citizens can do our part in controlling and containing COVID-19 until such time as a validated and effective treatment and/or vaccination is available.

Thank you and stay safe

Jennifer