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Dear Residents, Family and Friends,

COVID-19 UPDATE

I have waited until Friday to update you all primarily because I was hoping that the situation within Victoria and NSW would be improved. Unfortunately, circumstances have not improved, and I am sure that you are all concerned about the current community spread and positive case numbers.

Regretfully I need to inform you that the planned expansion of visiting and excursion visits will not be progressing as scheduled and we will be maintaining visits as they are for the next two weeks at least. This decision is one that remains focused on maintaining a safe haven for all our people and minimising the risk of COVID-19 spread into James Milson Village.

The recent circumstances in NSW certainly demonstrate the intensity of this virus and the capacity it has to spread within our community; the Prime Minister this morning has stated his concerns regarding the current circumstances and has reiterated the need for people to take responsibility for their actions and to maintain correct social distancing; maintain correct health and hygiene practices and stay home unless you are attending work or necessary appointments.

I am saddened that in Victoria the spread of the virus has again impacted our senior citizens and over the past week five of our valued senior citizens have lost their lives. Aged Care homes are impacted and both elders and staff are now suffering from this hideous disease; I fear that there will be more lives lost in the coming weeks.

Over the past week we have received several enquiries regarding the use of face masks; the advice for the Department of Health is as follows; If you are in a situation (shopping centre, supermarket, public transport etc) where you are unable to safely socially distance then a mask is advisable.

I am expecting further updates to social gatherings over the next few days and will provide these as and when received. Thank you all for your patience and support and please stay safe.

Regards

Jennifer