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Dear All

#### COVID-19 Update

With the deepest regret I am required to inform you all that based on advice from NSW Health we will be locking down James Milson Village residential care for the next 14 days – effective immediately; we will continue to enable visiting to people who are palliating and unwell. These arrangements will be organised through reception. People visiting will be required to wear PPE including a gown and undergo health checks as usual

I have for your information included an extract from the Premiers announcement of last evening below:

“New South Wales had announced new restrictions for aged care following the emergence of a worrying cluster emanating from a gym in Sydney’s CBD.

On Friday night, NSW Health said it now “strongly advised” aged care centres should be off limits to any visitors from Greater Sydney or the Central Coast until 12 September.

**The 14-day bar on entry to care homes is a “precaution” NSW Health has said and there was currently no evidence of any cases in residents or staff in aged care facilities in NSW.**

“These are precautionary steps to prevent the entry of COVID-19 into this vulnerable setting,” a statement from the government body said.

On Friday, NSW recorded 13 new COVID-19 cases, the highest number for some weeks. Six of the new cases are linked to the cluster in Sydney’s CBD centred on the gym of the City Tattersalls Club.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian urged people to think about their movements this weekend, warning the government doesn’t want to have to impose further restrictions.

“We have to be vigilant every single day and we had to state that has numbers will go up and down marginally for the next little while and we need to make sure that they don’t get to a situation where we are having to impose further restrictions,” she said

As always, I will keep you all informed and provide as much detail as I can over this period; this is a precaution to protect our most vulnerable and I again ask for your understanding, support and patience during this unprecedented time we are all facing.

Take care and stay safe

Jennifer