



24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Dear Resident, Family & Friends,

## COVID-19 UPDATE

The past weeks have certainly provided quite a roller coaster of positive cases and spread patterns and the successful management of COVID-19 community transmission in NSW has enabled us to progress from non-visiting back to supported visiting. Your cooperation with this changing environment and requirements is appreciated.

Our Public Health specialists however remain cautious and have asked that we remain vigilant and cooperate with their advice especially with the emergence of the warmer weather our priorities need to focus on social distancing, hand hygiene and being tested and staying home if experiencing any respiratory symptoms.

At JMV we will maintain the current visiting restriction through until 31 October 2020; this is based on the advice of the Health Department and the required continuing surveillance regarding community transmission.

From 1 November 2020 we are hopeful that we will be able to welcome more visitors in each day and also external volunteers and activity providers will be resumed. However, the health checks and requirements for PPE and social distancing will remain for all internal visits and risk assessments will apply for external visits and events.

### Australian COVID Cases

Cases 26,973

Recovered 24,298

Deaths 859

Location	Cases	Recovered	Deaths
Victoria	20,100	18,713	771
New South Wales	4,212	2,992	53
Queensland	1,153	1,124	6
Western Australia	665	650	9
South Australia	467	462	4

It is pleasing to see the reduction in community transmission and positive cases in Victoria although the risk to aged care remains very high. The risk to all elders within our community is extreme and we all have a role to play in keeping them safe.

As always we will keep you across any changes to how COVID-19 is impacting on our operations and thank you for your cooperation and support.

Stay safe

*Jennifer*