



23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2021

Dear Resident, Family and Friends,

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Since 8:00pm last night (22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021) NSW has recorded an additional seven (7) COVID-19 cases which takes are current total to 25.

This current strain of the COVID-19 virus is showing that very minimal contact is required to contract the disease. It is for this reason that the NSW Government has extended the wearing of masks for an additional week. All Sydney residents have been asked to wear a mask when out in public, obviously this includes visiting an Aged Care facility.

The Bondi Junction Westfield outbreak is very close to our facilities and many of our visitors use this shopping centre on a regular basis. It is recommended that any person who visited the shopping centre between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June should be tested and isolate if you have any symptoms.

The current instructions from the Chief Health Officer are as follows:

For facilities located in Greater Sydney (including the Blue Mountains), Wollongong and Shellharbour, but excluding Central Coast:

- All staff and visitors must wear a surgical mask.
- Only two visitors should be allowed each day.
- Visits should be in the resident's room.

**Visitors and Staff** must **not** enter the facility at all if they:

- have been to any **close, casual or monitor for symptoms locations** in NSW in the last 14 days
- have been to **COVID-19 exposure locations** in ACT in the last 14 days
- have been to any **close or casual contact locations** in Queensland in the last 14 days
- have been in Victorian **places of high concern** in the last 14 days
- have been in **Greater Melbourne** in the previous 14 days
- have **COVID-19 symptoms** - fever (37.5°C or higher) or symptoms of COVID-19

- are a close contact of a person with confirmed COVID-19 and are within their self-isolation period
- live in a household with a person who is currently self-isolating
- are waiting for a COVID-19 test result

From 1 June to 30 September 2021 visitors should not enter an aged care facility if they have not received a dose of the 2021 influenza vaccine, unless they meet the criteria under the exceptional and special circumstances.

To understand Exceptional Circumstances, please visit:

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

**Residents** who are attending outings and excursions should ensure that:

- the event complies with the current Public Health **Gathering Restriction Order 2021**
- no one at the event meets any of the above visitor exclusion criteria:

Residents are discouraged from leaving the facility to attend large gatherings in Greater Sydney.

In Greater Sydney residents do not need to wear a mask in the facility however if they are leaving the facility, they must wear a surgical mask.

We will continue to update our residents, families and staff as things change within our local community and NSW to ensure that you have the most up to date information.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I am happy to explain the current restrictions and exceptions in more detail if required.

Until next time; please look after yourselves and take care.



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