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Dear Resident and Next of Kin

Covid-19 – 5 day lockdown begins tonight

As you may have already heard, all of Victoria (both metropolitan & regional), will be entering into a 5-day lockdown starting from 11.59pm TONIGHT.

This outbreak unfortunately involves the British variant of the virus, which is transmitting at a much faster rate than the standard Covid strain which we were faced with last year.

From 11.59pm Friday night (TONIGHT), until 11.59pm next Wednesday 17 February:

- There are only **four reasons to leave home**: shopping for things you need, care and caregiving, exercise, and essential work;
- The **5km limit** for leaving home will be reintroduced;
- **Faces masks** will be required at all times outside your home, both indoors and outdoors;
- **No visitors** will be allowed in your home;
- **Public gatherings** will not be allowed.

For the full list of restrictions, see here: <https://bit.ly/3qcWQKk>

In addition, it is important to note:

No visitors will be permitted into any Residential Aged Care site, unless it is for end of life support. And you can expect staff to be once again wearing face shields in addition to their face masks.

All non-urgent works and services like non-essential maintenance, hairdressers and recreation outings will need to be put on hold.



Additional specific measures may be put into place at all our sites and as new information comes to hand, we will keep you informed.

For your own safety, it is important to stay up-to-date by visiting the DHHS website:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus> or for any queries call the **Coronavirus hotline on: 1800 675 398.**

I understand this sudden lockdown may be cause for concern, but I appreciate your ongoing support and understanding as we work to ensure all our residents, visitors and staff remain safe.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting CEO

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