

Thursday, 27 May 2021

Dear Wintringham Resident and Next-of-Kin

## **Re: Covid restrictions have changed**



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Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services has updated its restrictions for residential aged care in Victoria. Effective from 11.59pm tonight until 11.59pm Thursday 3 June:

- No visitors are permitted during the 7 day "circuit breaker" snap lock down period announced today (exceptions will be made for end of life care visits)
- Hairdressing will be postponed
- Stay at home orders apply to residents. This means you are only permitted to leave home for 5 reasons:
  - 1. Shopping for essentials (please speak to recreation if you need assistance with this)
  - 2. Care or Caregiving (Medical)
  - 3. Authorised work or study
  - 4. Exercise (up to two hours per day with one other person)
  - 5. To receive a vaccination

We will continue to conduct enhanced screening and testing on residents who are unwell. Residents who have visited any of the listed exposure sites, will be tested, and treated as *'at risk of Covid-19'*, until their test results are known.

There are currently no cases of coronavirus at any Wintringham home; we'll continue to monitor the situation and follow all Department of Health and Human Services Victoria directions.

Please don't forget to:

- Practise good hygiene by regularly and thoroughly washing your hands
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow



For the latest Government information call the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 or visit: <u>www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19</u> For easy reference, you can also access all our Covid-related communications for Wintringham Residential Aged Care at: <u>www.wintringham.org.au/covidresi.html</u>.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. Your co-operation and the dedication of our staff has meant that we have so far managed to keep COVID-19 out of all our residential aged care homes since this pandemic began, despite hundreds of residents and staff being tested. This is something we should all be very proud of.

Please remember, your Residential Care Manager or Site Manager are there for you to talk to, or if you prefer, don't hesitate to send in questions and/or feedback to: <u>communications@wintringham.org.au</u>

Yours sincerely,

Bryan Lipmann AM CEO and Founder

Cc: All Residential Care Staff

