

Friday 29 January, 2021

Dear Families, Friends and Residents,

We are pleased to advise you that restrictions for visitors to our homes in NSW are being reduced, in line with updated advice from health authorities. In addition, the definition of Greater Sydney has been adjusted, and some of our homes are now considered part of Regional NSW instead of Greater Sydney.

**Current restrictions for homes located in the Greater Sydney region, including the Blue Mountains** (The Gracewood, Aminya, Dorothy Henderson Lodge, Shalom, Coinda Court, Warana and Morven Gardens):

- A maximum of two people can visit each day per resident
- Different people may visit each day

**Current restrictions for homes located in Regional NSW, including Central Coast and Wollongong** (Warabrook, Kularoo, George Forbes House, Niola, Caloola, Mid-Richmond, Maranoa, Bethshan Gardens and Orana):

- No restrictions on the number of visitors a resident can have each day

Entry requirements that still apply to our NSW homes include:

- All visitors must wear a surgical mask.
- Visitors are able to see their loved ones during visiting hours and there is no limit on the amount of time you can spend with your loved one.
- Visitors must pass all the screening questions before a visit can proceed.
- People who cannot visit include:
  - those who have COVID-19 symptoms, including fever
  - those who live in an “**Area of increased testing**”
  - People who have been to any of the locations on the “**Close Contact**” or “**Casual Contact**” list at the dates and times listed
  - The list of these areas is maintained by NSW Health at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx#increased-testing>. Please check this website before visiting.

- People who have returned from overseas in the past 14 days
- If you are providing care and support, or making a welfare and wellbeing visit, a flu vaccination is not required.
- Exceptional circumstance visits (end of life) can be arranged through your local Home.

**Current restrictions for homes located in ACT aged care homes (Griffith Centre and Carey Gardens):**

- All visitors must wear a surgical mask.
- Visitors are able to see their loved ones during visiting hours and there is no limit on the amount of time you can spend with your loved one.
- Visitors must pass all the screening questions before a visit can proceed.
- People who will not be permitted to visit include:
  - Visitors who have been in a geographical area of risk  
<https://www.health.act.gov.au/health-professionals/chief-health-officer-alerts/covid-19-testing-information#geographicalareasofrisk>
  - Those who have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19
  - Those who have visited the latest COVID-19 locations in NSW at the times and dates listed, (excluding the monitor for symptoms list). Please review the website for locations before you travel to the home:  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>
- Exceptional circumstance visits (end of life) can be arranged through your local Home.
- If you are providing care and support (only) to a resident, you do not need an influenza vaccination.

These restrictions will continue until further notice. Thank you again for your cooperation and understanding.



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