

Wednesday 30 December, 2020

Dear families and friends,

Updated Advice for all Families and Visitors

Following updated advice received from Health authorities, immediate changes are being placed on visiting some of our Aged Care Homes. This morning's advice continues with the previous visitation policy of setting restrictions and guidance for homes based on their locations.

Please carefully read through the changes as they relate to your region and home.

- 1. Homes located in Greater Sydney, effective immediate (Wednesday 30 December) to at least 11:59pm on Wednesday 6 January 2021.**
 - **These Homes include: The Gracewood, Aminya, Dorothy Henderson Lodge, Shalom, Coinda, Warena, Morven Gardens, Bethshan and Orana.**
 - All visitors excluded, except those performing essential caring functions.
 - Exceptional circumstance visitors must wear a surgical mask.
 - All non-medical excursions from the home are to be postponed
 - Exceptional circumstance visits (end of life) can be arranged through your local Home.
 - Exceptional circumstance visitors must pass all the screening questions before a visit can proceed. Those who have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to visit.
 - Exceptional circumstance visitors who have been in the Northern Beaches LGA in the last 14 days or who have visited any of the case locations will not be permitted to visit.

- 2. Homes located in Regional NSW, effective immediate (Wednesday 30 December) to at least 11:59pm on Wednesday 6 January 2021.**
 - **These Homes include: Warabrook Centre, Kularoo, George Forbes House, Niola Centre, Caloola Centre, Mid Richmond Centre and Maranoa Centre.**
 - No visitors from Greater Sydney are permitted to visit

- There is no restriction on the number of visitors who reside in regional NSW, visiting a resident during visiting hours.
- All visitors must wear a surgical mask.
- Visitors who have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to visit.
- Exceptional circumstance visits (end of life) can be arranged through your local Home.

3. Homes located in the ACT, effective immediate (Wednesday 30 December) to at least 11:59pm on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

- **These Homes include: Griffith Centre and Carey Gardens.**
- Visitors are able to see their loved ones during visiting hours.
- Visitors must wear a surgical mask.
- Visitors who have been to Greater Sydney in the last 14 days will not be permitted to visit.
- Visitors who have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to visit.
- Exceptional circumstance visits (end of life) can be arranged through your local Home.
- All visitors to ACT Homes are required to have a current influenza vaccination.

These restrictions will remain in place until at least 11.59pm Wednesday 6 January 2021, unless otherwise advised.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding at this time as we do everything we can do keep your loved ones safe.

We wish you all a safe and Happy New Year.



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