

Wednesday, 22 December 2021

Dear Residents, Family members, and Carers,

Update for Macquarie Park Homes (Shalom, Cooina, and Dorothy Henderson Lodge)

Further to our update last Sunday, our aged care homes on the Macquarie Park site remain closed to non-essential visitors.

We have had several staff report positive Covid-19 test results, and we are working with Health authorities to determine the next steps.

We believe it is likely that one or more of the homes will be placed into Exposure or Outbreak mode within the next 24 hours, and **for this reason these homes will remain closed to visitors until further notice.**

Our routine rapid antigen testing has not shown any positive results, and at the time of writing, we do not have any residents with a positive result.

We expect that health authorities will order wide-spread PCR testing of staff and residents over the coming days.

It is unfortunate that this is happening at this time of year, when residents and families look forward to getting together to celebrate Christmas.

Working closely with NSW Health, we will continue to monitor all residents and staff. Residents of aged care homes are some of the most vulnerable people in our society, even when fully vaccinated. With case numbers growing rapidly in the community, we are strongly recommending that residents remain in the home.

If an exposure or outbreak is declared, the decision on whether or not residents can leave the home will be made by the health authorities.

Please note, families are welcome to drop off care packages including gifts and/or non-perishable food items for their loved ones to the Reception area of each home.

We are hopeful that this situation will not escalate into an outbreak, and we will keep you updated as further information comes to hand. Thank you for your understanding at this challenging time.

Sincerely,



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