

Monday, 10 May 2021

Dear Residents, Family Members and Carers,

I am writing to update you on a change that requires all visitors to residential care homes to obtain a current influenza vaccination.

NSW Health has advised that, as of Tuesday, 1 June 2021, all staff, visitors and volunteers at aged care homes are required to show evidence of having received the 2021 influenza vaccination to gain entry to an aged care home. This requirement will end on 30 September 2021.

If you are not medically able to receive the influenza vaccine, you must provide a medical certificate using the approved letter indicating an exemption (available for download here <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Documents/flu-medical-form.pdf>).

If you have a medical exemption, please discuss this with your Residential Manager.

If you have had a COVID-19 vaccination, please remember to follow medical advice regarding the necessary wait times between receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and the influenza vaccine. Also, remember that a COVID-19 vaccination does not remove the need for the usual follow up and swab testing if symptoms arise.

If you have any questions or concerns about this requirement, please don't hesitate to speak to your Residential Manager.

Regards,



Allan Waters

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See here for more info: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/racf-latest-advice.aspx>