



Family Communique # 22
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Dear SummitCare Residents, Family and Friends,

Happy New year to you all. Let us all hope 2021 will bring the much needed vaccine solution to COVID-19 worldwide to assist with getting this virus under control and our lives back to some form of normal.

Our most recent advice from NSW Health is itemized below;

Until further notice all residential aged care facilities must:

- ensure all staff and visitors wear a surgical mask within the facility (which they will be supplied with upon arrival).
- ensure residents in Greater Sydney (including Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Illawarra Local Government Areas) have a maximum of **only two visitors each day**. They may have different visitors each day.
- **exclude visitors from the, [Wollongong LGA](#), [Cumberland City Council](#) and the [Canterbury Ward of Canterbury Bankstown Council](#)**
- **exclude visitors who have been in the following Local Government Areas of Queensland since 2 January 2021: [City of Brisbane](#), [Logan City](#), [City of Ipswich](#), [Moreton Bay Region](#), [Redland City](#), [Lockyer Valley Region](#), [Scenic Rim Region](#) or [Somerset Region](#) . Visitors from these regions should be excluded.**
- exclude staff and visitors who:
 - live in a household with a person who is currently self-isolating
 - have been to any of the [latest COVID-19 locations](#) in NSW at the times and dates listed, excluding the [monitor for symptoms list](#)
 - have a fever (37. 5°C or higher) or symptoms of COVID-19 (acute blocked nose congestion has been added to the list of symptoms)
 - are a close contact of a person with confirmed COVID-19 and are within their self-isolation period.
- regularly visit the [NSW COVID-19 website](#) on areas of active community transmission
- ensure that legible records are kept of visitor and staff entry and exit into the facility for contact tracing purposes
- Other ways to connect with family and friends will remain important. Refer to the [Industry Code for Visiting Residential Aged Care Homes during COVID-19](#) for alternative ways of communicating between residents and their families.

Until further notice all residential aged care facilities in [Wollongong LGA](#), [Cumberland City Council](#) or the [Canterbury Ward](#) of Canterbury Bankstown Council:

- must exclude all visitors, except those performing essential caring functions
- should avoid residents leaving the facility unless it is essential (for example, a medical appointment) or for exercise

- should ensure that residents are provided with appropriate PPE and infection control advice if they need to leave the facility.

You are still required to have your temperature checked on entry, undertake hand hygiene and to complete our sign in procedure including our Covid Risk Assessment questions. Flu vaccination proof is still required prior to entry and is only waived if there is no current access to it. Speak to your home if this is required as we do still have a small supply.

Any further updates will be communicated to you immediately as I know there have been changes today in regards to Brisbane lockdown.

Warm regards,



Michelle Sloane
Chief Operating Officer