

31 December 2020

NSW COVID-19 OUTBREAK UPDATE FOR RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE

Dear family member/friend,

I wish to provide you with further advice regarding State Government restrictions relating to the NSW COVID-19 outbreak and the impact on both visitation and the ability for residents to attend family gatherings over the holiday period.

In line with the growing number of COVID-19 cases in NSW, the Government has announced a hard border closure of SA and NSW, which will get into effect after midnight today, 12.01am 1 January 2021.

After midnight tonight, exemptions will only be made to cross the borders, for people who are:

- Returning SA residents
- Permanently relocating to SA
- Residents within a 100km buffer zone of the border of NSW and SA, e.g. residents from Broken Hill or Wentworth

Anyone returning to SA from NSW after midnight tonight, 12.01am 1 January 2021, will need to isolate in their homes for 14 days and have a COVID-19 test on day 12.

Anyone who entered SA from NSW between 17 December and 31 December 2020 must quarantine for 14 days and have a COVID-19 test on days one, five and 12.

In line with these Government requirements, the following precautions remain in place across our Residential Aged Care homes until further notice:

- Anyone who has been in NSW since 17 December 2020, or in close contact with someone who has, is not permitted to enter our homes (except on agreed compassionate grounds).
- Residents are not permitted to attend gatherings where people who have been directed to quarantine may be in attendance.
- If a resident comes into contact with someone who has been directed to quarantine, they will be unable to re-enter the home until the person's day 12 test returns a negative result.
- Residents are recommended not to attend gatherings with people attending who are visiting from NSW
- If a resident comes into contact with someone who is not required to quarantine, but has been directed to get COVID-19 tests, they will be permitted to re-enter the home. However, they will be required to isolate in their room until the person's day 12 test returns a negative result and evidence has been provided.
- Compassionate visits can be arranged by contacting the site directly

To support the above measures, a new COVID-19 tracing register will be in use across our Residential Aged Care homes over the coming days.

We understand this is an important time of year for families to come together but these precautions are in place to ensure the ongoing health and safety of everyone in our care.

For further details regarding self-quarantine and testing, visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDcontacttracing.



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For advice regarding information contained in this letter, please speak with your home's Director of Nursing.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Krake', is written over a horizontal line.

Sue Krake
Executive Manager Aged Care, UnitingSA