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## CHANGES TO COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS: VICTORIA & NEW ZEALAND

Dear family member/friend,

I wish to provide you with advice on recently announced changes to State Government travel restrictions relating to Victoria and New Zealand, as well as subsequent updates to UnitingSA's Aged Care visitor guidelines.

### VICTORIA

In response to Melbourne's COVID-19 outbreak, the State Government announced a hard border closure with Victoria, which came into effect at 12:01am on Saturday, 13 February 2021.

Victoria is now classed as a 'prohibited location', with only '[Essential Travellers](#)' and the following 'Exempt Arrivals' permitted to cross the border into South Australia: residents returning to SA; those undertaking a genuine relocation; and, people fleeing domestic violence. Allowances have also been made for cross border community members and are detailed at [www.covid-19.sa.gov.au](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au).

Additionally, anyone already in SA who attended Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport since 7 February 2021, or visited one of the [public exposure sites](#) identified on the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services website at the specified times, must:

- self-quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure; and,
- undergo COVID-19 testing on days one, five and 12.

Please note: Household family members of anyone who has been at Tullamarine Airport since 7 February are required to self-quarantine until a day-one negative result is received by the traveller from SA Health.

### NEW ZEALAND

People are now permitted to travel from New Zealand to South Australia, providing they undergo COVID-19 testing within 24 hours of arrival and self-quarantine until their day-one negative test result is received. They must also get tested again on days five and 12.

### AGED CARE VISITOR GUIDELINES

In line with the above changes to State Government travel restrictions, the following visitor guidelines are now in place across UnitingSA's Aged Care homes:

- Anyone who has been in Victoria, or in close contact with someone who has, is not permitted to enter our homes within 14 days of arrival in SA and until evidence of a negative day-12 COVID-19 test is provided by the traveller.
- Travellers from New Zealand are permitted to enter our homes, provided it is not within 14 days of their arrival in SA and they can present evidence of a negative day-12 COVID-19 test.
- Exemptions may be made for those visiting on compassionate grounds.

For further information regarding State Government travel restrictions, visit [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDcontacttracing](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDcontacttracing). For any queries relating to UnitingSA's COVID-19 Aged Care visitor guidelines, please speak with your home's Director of Nursing. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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