

28 June 2021

Dear members of the Bethany Christian Care family,

COVID UPDATE - #12/2021

Surgical masks for aged care visitors

From 1pm on Sunday 27 June 2021, the City of Brisbane been determined by the Chief Health Officer to be in the “moderate” risk category. This means that, until further notice, any visitor to an aged care facility must wear a surgical mask whilst in the facility.

Other community restrictions

From 1am on Tuesday 29 June 2021, the following restrictions will come into force for various SE Queensland areas, including the City of Brisbane:

- Masks must be worn in indoor settings and on public transport.
- The one per four square metre rule will be reintroduced for venues, with customers required to be seated in hospitality settings.
- Weddings will be restricted to 100 people, with only 20 people allowed to dance. Dancing outside of weddings is banned.
- Household visitors will be limited to 30.

This will impact our retirement villages as follows:

- Cafes - will have restricted numbers of people allowed, patrons must remain seated, and everyone must wear a mask
- Halls, receptions, foyers, and libraries – will have restricted numbers of people allowed, and everyone must wear a mask

Check In Qld App

Chief Health Officer has directed that from 1am on Friday 9 July, the “Check In Qld” app will be mandatory for residential aged care facilities and applies to all visitors, volunteers and contractors, but not staff or residents.

Unfortunately, the need to use this app will be in addition to the existing requirement to check-in using our existing electronic screening system. In anticipation of this new requirement, visitors are encouraged to install the app on their electronic device prior to 9 July.

If you will not be able to install the app (for example, you do not own a mobile phone) or will not be able to use the app for any reason, please let our reception staff know and they will be able to help you.

Sincerely,



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