

9 August 2021

Dear members of the Bethany Christian Care family,

COVID UPDATE - #22/2021

RETIREMENT VILLAGES AND GENERAL COMMUNITY

From 4pm Sunday 8 August, the 11 Local Government Areas in South East Queensland came out of lockdown. Some restrictions will continue to apply for the next two weeks, including:

- Mask wearing at all times (including workplaces) except when eating or drinking, or exercising with your household or one other person.
- Schools will reopen, with all staff and high school students wearing masks
- 10 people in your home, including people who live there
- 20 at weddings and funerals
- Businesses and venues with one person per four square metres, or 50 percent capacity with seated, ticket allocations
- Community sport not permitted
- Avoid travelling to regional Queensland
- Visitors allowed to hospitals, aged care and disability accommodation

The following venues and services at our sites can re-open today: cafes, devotions, halls, libraries, pools, hairdressers/beauty services.

AGED CARE

Additional restrictions on visitors to residential aged care facilities ceased at 4pm yesterday. We note that this situation could change at short notice, and will advise you if it does.

Aged care visits and excursions are subject to the same screening conditions that existed before the most recent lock-down came into effect. This includes answering screening questions, temperature checking and providing an up-to-date influenza vaccination. In addition, as advised previously, please remember that the check-in process to aged care is:

- i) Check-in using our electronic temperature check and screening system, and
- ii) Check in using the *Check-In Qld App*, and
- iii) Sign the fire roll.

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Practical considerations

- 1. Hotspots** – Currently all of Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales are declared as hotspots. Anyone who has visited hotspots in the last 14 days must not enter aged care.
- 2. Hand Hygiene and Social Distancing** – While it is welcome news that the restrictions on visiting to aged care have been lifted, please remember that the need to exercise hand hygiene and social distancing has not.
- 3. Mask Wearing** – You must wear a mask when inside and outside the aged care premises (eg, grounds), including reception.
- 4. Booking System** – As screening requirements for visitors have not changed, we recommend that all visits and excursions be booked through the online booking system available through our website.
- 5. Screening** – We are still required to ask visitors screening questions and to ensure that their temperature is below 37.5°, prior to allowing entry into aged care.
- 6. Common Areas** – In accordance with the Department of Health guidance, visitors are required to avoid spending time in common/ shared areas and are to visit residents in their rooms or outdoors.

Sincerely,



Rohan Reid
CEO