

8 October 2021

Dear members of the Bethany Christian Care family,

COVID UPDATE - #25/2021

AGED CARE

I am pleased to advise that restrictions on visitors to residential aged care facilities will end today (Friday) at 4pm.

Please note that 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.

Please also remember the following practical considerations.

- 1. Hotspots** – Currently all of Victoria, ACT 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,



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