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Dear members of the Bethany Christian Care Family,

COVID UPDATE – AGED CARE

The Chief Health Officer has issued another Aged Care Direction (#14).

What has changed for aged care?

The new Direction means:

- The two-person visitor limit has been removed. Visitor numbers are now determined by the visitor rules at each aged care facility. For our aged care facilities, we do not have limits on the number of visitors who can be in a resident's room at one time, but we ask visitors to be sensible so that rooms are not over-crowded. Visitors are still required to avoid communal areas inside aged care facilities.
- You can now enter an aged care facility without having the flu vaccination. This is because the peak of the 2020 influenza season is over, and the vaccination is no longer readily available.

Some things stay the same

We are still required to maintain records of all people entering aged care facilities and to screen them for possible COVID-19 risk factors or symptoms, including taking their temperature. Booking a time to visit means that this screening and information gathering can be done in an efficient, safe and orderly way. Visits and excursions can be booked through the online booking system available through our website.

What has changed for retirement villages?

The new Direction has not made any changes for retirement villages

Conclusion

I am thankful to God that at this time there are no known COVID infections among our residents or staff, and for your continued prayers for all the Bethany Christian Care Family.

Kind regards,



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