

24 August 2020

Dear members of the Bethany Christian Care Family

COVID-19 UPDATE

Aged care lock-down

On Saturday 22 August I sent a letter to relatives of aged care residents advising them of the immediate lock-down of Bethany Christian Care’s three aged care facilities as directed by the Chief Health Officer.

At this time, we do not know when visiting and excursions will be able to recommence but will continue to keep you updated about further changes as they occur.

In the meantime, virtual visiting is still available as a way to keep in touch with residents. If you would like to book a virtual visit you can do so through our website.

Retirement villages

The Chief Health Officer has announced further changes which impact our retirement village residents.

Activity/Venue	Comments about most recent changes
Gatherings	No more than 10 people can gather in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A private residence, • Indoor space (like a community hall), or • Outdoor space (like a BBQ area).
Village cafes	<p>Aged care residents are not able to visit cafes at this time.</p> <p>For other residents the cafes will continue opening with their current restrictions and precautions.</p> <p>The Plains - The Plains café will continue to be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30am–1:30pm.</p> <p>Janoah Gardens Café - Janoah Garden’s <i>self-service</i> café will continue to be open on Monday to Friday from 9:30am–3:30pm.</p>

Bethany Christian Care is a not-for-profit organisation. To benefit our residents:
 • Donations are tax deductible • Our investment fund is exempt from the Centrelink/ Veterans’ Affairs deeming provisions • We are thankful for bequests.

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“Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

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Serviced Apartment Dining	There are no changes to the current dining arrangements, which are set up for social distancing. The two sittings will continue at The Plains.														
Village buses	Weekly shopping visits can continue with no more than 10 people on the bus at a time. Passengers will need to practice social distancing on the bus so that there is no more than one person for each two seats.														
Devotions	<p>Face-to-face devotions will continue with social distancing, with no more than 10 people in the venue at a time.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="435 625 1409 1251"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="435 625 597 741">Site</th> <th data-bbox="597 625 971 741">Time and days</th> <th data-bbox="971 625 1409 741">Who can attend? (Maximum of 10 people including speaker and pianist)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 741 597 1014" rowspan="2">The Plains</td> <td data-bbox="597 741 971 898">9:00am in the village hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday</td> <td data-bbox="971 741 1409 898">Retirement village residents in person <i>(All residents can watch on channel 102)</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="597 898 971 1014">9:00 am in The Hub on Tuesday and Thursday</td> <td data-bbox="971 898 1409 1014">Aged care residents in person <i>(All residents can watch on channel 105)</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 1014 597 1129">Beth Eden</td> <td data-bbox="597 1014 971 1129">9:30 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday</td> <td data-bbox="971 1014 1409 1129">Aged care residents</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 1129 597 1251">Janoah Gardens</td> <td data-bbox="597 1129 971 1251">9:00 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday</td> <td data-bbox="971 1129 1409 1251">Retirement village residents</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Site	Time and days	Who can attend? (Maximum of 10 people including speaker and pianist)	The Plains	9:00am in the village hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday	Retirement village residents in person <i>(All residents can watch on channel 102)</i>	9:00 am in The Hub on Tuesday and Thursday	Aged care residents in person <i>(All residents can watch on channel 105)</i>	Beth Eden	9:30 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday	Aged care residents	Janoah Gardens	9:00 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday	Retirement village residents
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Activities in village halls	Other activities can continue in the village halls for up to 10 people, with social distancing. This includes social gatherings for residents.														
Pools and spas	These continue to be open for up to 10 people at a time, with social distancing.														
Libraries	These continue to be open for up to 10 people at a time, with social distancing.														
Playground and BBQ area	These continue to be open for up to 10 people at a time, with social distancing.														

Conclusion

We are continuing to monitor and respond to the changing situation and will keep you updated about further changes as they occur.

Again, I thank God that there are no known COVID infections among our residents or staff.

The welfare, health and safety of our residents and staff is our top priority. At all times, our decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic seek to faithfully achieve that priority. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss this issue further, please contact Bethany Christian Care Head Office (07 3737 5080; bethany@bethanycc.org.au).

I am thankful for your continued prayers for all the Bethany Christian Care Family.

Kind regards,



Rohan Reid
CEO