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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) update

Further to the letter dated 1 February 2021, as a valued member of the Sundale community, I wanted to provide you with an update and outline Sundale's current approach to managing the COVID-19 situation.

AGED CARE DIRECTION NO. 23

Overnight Queensland Health released [Aged Care Direction No. 23](#).

Due to the recent COVID-19 case in [Greater Melbourne](#), anyone who has been in Greater Melbourne on or after 29 January 2021 **cannot enter a residential aged care facility** unless 14 days have passed since you were in Greater Melbourne.

If you have been in a [public exposure site as listed by the Victorian Government](#) you cannot enter a residential aged care facility in Queensland for any purpose unless you have an exemption for an end-of-life visit.

If you have been in Greater Melbourne on or after January 29 and arrived into Queensland you should get tested – even if you do not have symptoms – and isolate until you receive a result.

TRAVEL – WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Specific parts of Western Australia remain declared [COVID-19 hotspots](#).

- Anyone who arrives in Queensland from Metropolitan Perth, Peel or the South West regions of Western Australia from 7.55pm AEST 31 January 2021 must quarantine in government arranged accommodation at their own expense.
- Anyone who is already in Queensland that has been in Metropolitan Perth, Peel or the South West regions of Western Australia since 1am AEST 25 January 2021 should [get tested](#) and isolate until they receive a negative result.
- Team members who have been to Metropolitan Perth, Peel or the South West regions of Western Australia since 1am AEST 25 January 2021 must contact their direct line manager immediately.
- Anyone entering Queensland who has been in any part of Western Australia in the 14 days prior to arriving in Queensland will be required to complete a [Queensland Border Declaration Pass](#).

CARE CENTRES

In line with Phase 3 of [Sundale's roadmap to easing restrictions](#), the following conditions remain in place at Sundale's Care Centres.

Care recipients allowed to leave Sundale for a range of reasons, including but not limited to:

- Exercise;
- Attending small family gatherings (as long as physical distancing can be maintained);
- Receiving or accessing health care including mental health and allied health services;
- Receiving end of life support or Palliative Care;
- Attending a funeral;
- Visiting another residential aged care facility.

Sundale will require 48 hours notification of any care recipient leave requests. This is to ensure sufficient time is allocated to undertake all relevant risk assessment processes prior to the care recipient's leave commencing.

CONTINUING CONDITIONS

The following conditions are in place at Sundale's Care Centres. Visitors and care recipients must:

- Practise social distancing - stay at least 1.5 metres away from others;
- Make certain there is at least 2 square metres per person when indoors;
- Practise hand hygiene;
- Practise respiratory hygiene;
- Frequently clean and disinfect your environment;
- Be willing to undergo a screening process (including temperatures / previous travel).

PREVENT THE SPREAD:

- Stay home if you are sick;
- If you have any [COVID-19 symptoms](#), no matter how mild, [get tested](#) then isolate at home until you get the results and your symptoms resolve;
- Stay 1.5 metres away from other people—think two big steps;
- Wash your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser;
- Leave a location if it is crowded.

Sundale will continue to work with Queensland Health and make responsible, considered decisions to help minimise the threat of COVID-19 entering Sundale.

Yours sincerely,



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