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## COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) update

As a valued member of the Sundale community, we wanted to provide you with an update and outline Sundale's current approach to managing the COVID-19 situation.

### FLU VACCINATION REQUIREMENT REMOVED

Effective immediately and in line with [Residential Aged Care Direction \(No. 10\)](#), individuals entering a residential aged care facility are no longer required to have an up-to-date flu vaccination.

Queensland Health's decision acknowledges the end of the 2021 flu season and the completion of the influenza immunisation program.

### RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE DIRECTION (NO. 10)

#### PART 1 —GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES

10. A person must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a residential aged care facility in the State of Queensland if:

- a. during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry, the person who is an international arrival arrived in Australia from a place outside Australia; or
- b. during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry, or since the start date identified for the COVID-19 hotspot, whichever period is shorter, the person has been in a place which, at the time of entry to the facility, is a [COVID-19 hotspot](#) outside of the [Border Zone](#); or

*Example: A person travels to Queensland from Orange, NSW on 20 July. On 22 July, Orange, NSW is declared a hotspot with an identified start date of 22 July. The relevant date for considering entry to the residential aged care facility is 22 July, the date that the hotspot was identified. Since the person has not been in Orange on or after 22 July, they are able to enter the facility. Once Orange is declared not to be a hotspot, the restricted period no longer applies and a person who was in Orange while it was a hotspot can then enter the facility even if it is less than 14 days since they were in Orange.*

- c. the person has been to an interstate exposure venue, unless 14 days have passed since the person was at the interstate exposure venue;

*Note: a person who has been to an interstate exposure venue must quarantine as required by the Interstate Exposure Venues Direction (No. 3) or successor.*

- d. during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry or since the start date identified for the interstate area of concern (vulnerable facilities), whichever period is shorter, the person has been in a place which at the time of entry is an [interstate area of concern \(vulnerable facilities\)](#).

- e. the person lives or works, or has lived or worked, in a Queensland COVID-19 restricted area after the identified start date, unless 14 days have passed since the person was in the Queensland COVID-19 restricted area;
- f. the person has been informed they are a close contact of a diagnosed person, or a secondary contact, unless their quarantine period has ended; or

*Note: Close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 under paragraph 10(e) does not include contact that occurs when a residential aged care worker or healthcare worker or practitioner providing health or medical care has been wearing appropriate PPE in accordance with Queensland Health's Residential Aged Care Facility and Disability Accommodation PPE Guidance and has followed recommended infection control precautions.*

- g. the person has a temperature equal to or higher than 37.5 degrees or symptoms consistent with COVID-19; or
- h. the person has been tested for COVID-19 and has not yet received the results of that test.

*Note: See the exception in paragraph 11 for a person waiting for a result from a routine surveillance testing obligation.*

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

The COVID-19 Response Team