

TO: RCH RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

FROM: CEO – Graham Reed

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Over the weekend, the Commissioner of Police in South Australia issued an updated Emergency Management (Residential Aged Care Facilities) Direction to coincide with the decision to revoke the Stay at Home Direction that came into effect at 12:01am on Thursday 19th November.

As previously advised, the Stay at Home Direction (No 13) required all residential care homes in South Australia to restrict entry to all visitors and volunteers unless they were a visitor who had been authorised to provide end of life care to a resident.

Visitor access provisions under Emergency Management Direction (No 14) again allows each resident to receive **one care and support visit each day** from one or two persons visiting. Direction (No14) also allows the operator of the residential care home to approve an additional visit under special circumstances.

Importantly the following visiting protocols continue to apply:

- All visitors must provide evidence that they have received the 2020 influenza vaccination
- All visitors are required to sign the COVID-19 Declaration and have their temperature checked on arrival
- Visits need to be in the resident's room or outdoors (not in communal areas)
- Social distancing of 1.5 metres must be practiced wherever possible
- Cough etiquette and thorough hand hygiene practices should be followed at all times.

As we have been reminded again this morning by our Premier and the Chief Public Health Officer in SA, we are not yet out of the woods in regards to the Parafield Coronavirus cluster. We are all being encouraged to remain vigilant to ensure that we stay on top of this outbreak here in SA. The Victorian second wave outbreak serves as a sobering illustration of what can happen if we fail to contain the virus. None of us want to be in that position.

We will continue to keep you updated with any further changes to restrictions as soon as we are notified.

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