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Dear Staff & Volunteers,

# COVID-19 Update - Urgent updates from NSW Health

The outbreak of COVID-19 continues in Victoria and an outbreak has been detected in South Western Sydney, associated with the Crossroads Hotel in Casula last week. Due to the increasing risk of COVID-19 in the community, NSW Health has directed all residential aged care facilities to maintain vigilance to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into our facilities.

## You should NOT come to work or enter any residential care facility if

- You have fever or respiratory symptoms, even mild. You should isolate at home and seek COVID-19 testing;
- You are waiting for COVID-testing result;
- You have household members who are in isolation or pending COVID-19 testing result;
- You have travelled to Melbourne / Victoria in the previous 14 days;
- You have household members or have close contact with people who have travelled to Melbourne in the previous 14 days;
- You attended the following locations at the dates and times listed:

Location	Dates
Casula: Crossroads Hotel	Friday 3 July to Friday 10 July
Casula: Planet Fitness	Saturday 4 July to Friday 10 July
Picton: Picton Hotel	Saturday 4 July, Sunday 5 July, Thursday 9 July, Friday 10 July
Belmore: Canterbury Leagues Club	11pm on Saturday 4 July to 1am on Sunday 5 July
	12pm – 9pm on Saturday 11 July
Bowral: Woolworths	and 12pm – 9pm on Sunday 12 July
Campbelltown: Bavarian Macarthur	7:30pm – 9pm on Saturday 11 July
Campbelltown: Macarthur Tavern	9:15pm on Saturday 11 July to 12:40am on Sunday 12 July
Campbelltown: West Leagues Club	8pm on Friday 10 July to 12am on Saturday 11 July and 12am – 2:30am on Sunday 12 July
Caringbah: Highfield	6pm – 9pm on Sunday 5 July
Casula: Kmart (Casula Mall)	5pm on Friday 10 July to 12am on Saturday 11 July

11:30am – 12:30pm on Sunday 5 July
6pm – 9pm on Monday 6 July
8:30am – 9:30am on Tuesday 7 July
Saturday 4 July and Sunday 5 July
Monday 6 July
4pm – 8pm on Thursday 9 July and
8am – 12pm on Saturday 11 July
2pm – 3pm on Saturday 11 July
8pm – 10:30pm on Saturday 4 July
11am – 3pm on Saturday 27 June

# Residing in COVID-19 hot spot areas

Before coming to work, please call and speak to your Facility Manager if you reside in one of the following South Western Sydney local government areas: Liverpool Campbelltown, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly (Postcodes: 1871, 2170, 2560, 2570, 2571, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579).

All aged care staff who reside in the above South Western Sydney local government areas must wear a surgical mask while in the facility until at least the end of July. Further advice will be provided should this be a required measure after July.

#### What to expect next?

- DO NOT visit the above areas if you could avoid.
- Please note that the above list of location will continue to be updated and may expand in the following days. You should pay attention to the directive and instruction given by your Facility Manager.
- Please be alerted that the facility may need to
  - cease all non-essential visits at a short notice (including cancellation of all pre-booked visits) for a period of time or until further notice at the direction of NSW Health; and/or
  - require all visitors, staff, volunteers, essential contractors to wear a surgical mask while in the facility (irrespective of where they live or have visited). In this case, please follow the protocol in the correct use of masks supplied by the facility.

Measures such as phone or video calls would continue be made available to all residents to enable continuation of communication with family, friends or others who are not allowed to enter the facility at this time. ONLY Facility Managers may consider and approve all special visits compassionately. This includes giving special consideration to end-of-life situations, palliative care and residents with dementia.

We ask for your continuous vigilance to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into our facilities. Stay alert, take care and keep safe.

### **ANHF Management**