

COVID-19 Outbreak Prevention

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To all Charingfield residents, family and friends

I am writing to provide you with an up-date on COVID-19 related restrictions at Charingfield.

Revised regulatory orders and directives were released on 30 October 2020 *Direction from the Executive Director, Health Protection, NSW Health, released 30/10/2020*

Waverly is no longer a COVID-19 hotspot and as such, from today:

- **Visits will recommence**
- **Staff, contractors and visiting medical and allied health professions are no longer required to wear a mask while on site**

Strict screening procedures remain in place - a summary of current restrictions follows:

Anyone entering the premises

This includes staff, visiting health practitioners, contractors, visitors, government and emergency services personnel

Must sign in, have their temperature checked and answer the following screening questions. People who meet the following criteria will not be allowed entry:

- People who have returned from a place outside Australia in the past 14 days
- People who have visited a declared Covid-19 hotspot in the past 14 days (staff who have visited a declared hotspot may enter but must wear a surgical mask at all times while on-site)
- People who have been in close contact with a person confirmed to have Covid-19 in the past 14 days
- People who have not had seasonal Influenza vaccination for the 2020 season (evidence required)
- People who have a temperature equal to or greater than 37.7 degrees Celsius
- People who have symptoms of respiratory illness

Visitors

- Two visitors at a time may visit provided they meet the screening criteria at 1 above.
- More than 2 visitors can visit provided they visit at different times.

Outings

- Charingfield is not currently running outings, excursions and incursions as part of its lifestyle program.
- Residents who wish to leave the facility must discuss the outing with the Residential Service Manager to determine the risk
- Where the outing represents a degree of risk, residents may be required to self-isolate on their return

- While outings are allowed, leaving the facility poses a risk to individual residents and to other residents in the facility, as such it is recommended that residents limit outings as much as possible

Charingfield employees

- Are allowed to enter as long as they meet all of the conditions at 1 above (employees that have visited a declared Covid-19 hotspot in the past 14 days must wear a surgical mask at all times while on-site)
- We are working closely with staff who work across other aged care facilities to minimise risks

Visiting medical and other health care practitioners

- Are allowed to enter as long as they meet all of the conditions at 1 above
- We are working closely with practitioners who visit other aged care facilities to minimise risks

Contractors

- Are allowed to enter as long as they meet all of the conditions at 1 above.

Please contact me if I can provide further information about any aspect of Charingfield's strategies for preventing and outbreak, our response to public health advice, or any aspect of this letter.

I recognise that the visitor and outing restrictions may be stressful and appreciate your continued support.

Thank you as always,



Matt Fairweather

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