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Our Residents and Representatives James Barker House Aged Care Centre The Salvation Army Aged Care

## **RE: NEW MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR VICTORIA**

Dear All,

You may be aware that a positive case of COVID-19 has been identified in Victoria and as a result, masks are now required to be worn in all indoor public spaces. This new rule came into effect at 11:59pm on Wednesday, 3 February 2021, and will be in place until otherwise advised. Please see the following mask requirements according to the Victorian Government as extracted from this website: <u>https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks</u>

As per the website, in addition to indoor public spaces, face masks continue to be mandatory when working in or visiting aged care centres and we appreciate your continued support in this regard.

Please also regularly check with Department of Health and Human Services' contact tracing website to ensure that you have not been in any of the locations listed. The case locations listed at the link may change as they are updated.

https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/case-locations-and-outbreaks-covid-19

If you have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 in one of these locations, or if you have symptoms of COVID-19, please do not visit the Centre and call the coronavirus hotline or speak to your General Practitioner. If you are a resident and you have symptoms of COVID-19, please advise your Centre Manager.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this time. We ask that you continue to be mindful of your hand hygiene and physical distancing when visiting your loved one and when in the community. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your Centre Manager.

Kind regards,

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