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Our Residents and Representatives
Linsell Lodge Aged Care Centre
The Salvation Army Aged Care

**RE: A NEW RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES DIRECTION FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Dear All,

We are writing to advise you that the South Australian Government updated their Residential Aged Care Facilities Direction on 31 December 2020 and that Emergency Management (Residential Aged Care Facilities No 21) (COVID-19) Direction 2020 came into effect on 1 January 2021. According to this new Direction, the following will now be in place at Linsell Lodge Aged Care Centre:

- *Clause 4-5: A family member or friend of the resident may enter Residential Aged Care Centre with the exception of people from New South Wales. However, you cannot enter the facility if you:*
  - *Have been in a place other than a low community transmission in the 14 days preceding entry;*
  - *Have had known contact with a person who has a confirmed case COVID-19 in the 14 days preceding entry;*
  - *Have not been vaccinated against 2020 seasonal influenza (unless a person has a medical contraindication to the vaccine, or the vaccination is not available or to a child aged 6 months or less);*
  - *Have a temperature that is higher than 38 degrees Celsius or have a history of fever or chills in the preceding 72 hours or symptoms of acute respiratory infection or loss of taste and smell;*
  - *Have undertaken a COVID-19 test and are awaiting the test result;*
- *Clause 6: A personal care worker is permitted to work at multiple centres, however it is strongly advised where possible, personal care worker remain at one centre.*

Based on this information, Linsell Lodge will remain at Risk Level 3 on our internal Risk Assessment Matrix, but we ask that you maintain physical distancing when in the Centre and be mindful of your hand hygiene. We thank you for your continued support and co-operation. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your Centre Manager.

Kind regards,

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