



8 December 2020

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,

On 3 December 2020, the Government of South Australia issued a new Residential Aged Care Facilities Direction (No 16). Based on this new Direction, the following will now apply at Linsell Lodge Aged Care Centre as extracted from the Direction:

A person must not enter or remain on the premises of a RACF ["Residential Aged Care Facility"] in South Australia if:

- during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry, the person arrived in South Australia from a place outside South Australia and was not a low community transmission zone arrival (i.e. ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, TAS, VIC, WA, New Zealand)
- during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry, the person had known contact with a confirmed case (except in the course of their employment while wearing the appropriate level of personal protective equipment in the circumstances)
- the person has been tested for COVID19 test, and is awaiting the test result
- the person has not been vaccinated against 2020 seasonal influenza
  - *this requirement does not apply to a person who has a medical contraindication to the influenza vaccine, to a child aged 6 months or less*
- the person is not wearing a face mask at all time when in the physical presence of other persons (other than a resident or child under 12 years)
  - *this requirement does not apply when the person is eating/drinking or has a relevant medical condition (problem with breathing, serious condition of the face, disability, mental health condition) or where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication to enable communication by or with any person who is deaf or hard of hearing*
- a personal care worker who provides a personal care to a resident (whether as an employee or contractor) at a RACF must not provide personal care to a resident at another RACF within 14 days of providing personal care to a resident at the first RACF.



As a reminder, Linsell Lodge remains at Risk Level 3 on our internal Risk Assessment Matrix. At Risk Level 3, the following still apply:

- Visitors will be permitted but to 2 visitors per resident at any one time;
- Visiting hours will be from 9:30am – 11:30am and 2:30pm – 4:30pm daily;
- Children under the age of 16 will be permitted to visit;
- Temperature checks and monitoring for signs and symptoms of respiratory illness will continue on all residents;
- Temperature checks will continue on all parties entering the Centre;
- Physical distancing for all interactions between parties at the Centre will continue to be maintained;
- Large group activities and significant group outings will be postponed;
- On-site activities will be kept small and either outdoors or indoors with significant space between residents and staff;
- Residents will be able to leave the Centre, for example, with family.

If you have symptoms of respiratory illness including a cough or a cold, or if you have a fever or have lost your sense of taste or smell, we ask that you do not visit the Centre and that you speak to your General Practitioner and/or call the National Coronavirus hotline. If you are a resident and you have these symptoms, please notify the Centre Manager. Current flu vaccinations are still required for all visitors. We appreciate your consideration and your continued support.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your Centre Manager.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sjukes'.

**Samantha Jukes**

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The Salvation Army Aged Care