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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 there is a new Residential Aged Care Facilities Direction in place in South Australia. At 12:01am on 11 March 2021, Emergency Management (Residential Aged Care Facilities No 33) (COVID-19) Direction 2020 came into effect and it revoked the previous Direction, No 32. Based on this new Direction, the following is now in place at Linsell Lodge Aged Care Centre:

- Clause 5 (1) (a) A person below <u>cannot</u> enter the residential aged care facility (RACF) if:
  - you have been in a place other than a low community transmission zone in the 14 days preceding entry.
- Clause 5 (3) A person below <u>can</u> enter the residential aged care facility:
  - A person arriving from a restriction location (as per the Cross Border direction) after receiving written confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test result;
  - A former Victorian arrival (defined in the Emergency Management 'Quarantine and Testing of Certain Former Victorian Arrivals No 4' Direction 2021) after receiving written confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test result and must wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Where possible, visits should be conducted in a resident's room, outdoors, or in a specific area designated by the RACF, rather than communal areas.
- Physical distancing of 1.5m should be adhered to wherever possible.

If you would like to review the new Direction, you can do so at the following link: https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/aged-care

We have reviewed our internal Risk Assessment Matrix as a result of this new Direction and your Centre will remain at Risk Level 3 until otherwise advised. Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your Centre Manager.

Kind regards,

Samantha Jukes

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