

20 January 2021

Our Residents and Representatives Mountain View Aged Care Centre The Salvation Army Aged Care

RE: A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH (RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES) EMERGENCY DIRECTION FOR THE ACT

Dear All,

We are writing to advise you that at 11:59pm on 19 January 2021, Public Health (Residential Aged Care Facilities) Emergency Direction 2021 No 1 came into effect in the Australian Capital Territory. The Direction is in force until the end of the declared public health emergency unless it is extended or revoked. The Direction also revokes and replaces the Public Health (Residential Aged Care Facilities) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 3).

According to the new Direction, the following will now be in effect at Mountain View Aged Care Centre:

- As per clause 3, visitors providing a care and support visit (e.g. spouse, family member, relative, friend, carer) to a resident are no longer required to have 2020 influenza vaccine.
 However, visitors for welfare or wellbeing visit (e.g. legal practitioner, hairdresser) require influenza vaccination.
- Definition 5: Residents can have no more than 2 people visiting at any one time.

For your reference, please see the following link to the latest Direction:

https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/View/ni/2021-21/current/PDF/2021-21.PDF

As communicated to you on 20 January 2021 in a letter regarding a COVID-19 interstate update, your Centre will remain at Risk Level on our internal Risk Assessment Matrix. We ask that you continue to be mindful about your hand hygiene and physical distancing at this time. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Kind regards,

Samantha Jukes

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