



22 April 2021

Our Residents and Representatives
The Salvation Army Aged Care
Queensland

RE: A NEW AGED CARE DIRECTION FOR QUEENSLAND AND AN UPDATE TO THE INFLUENZA REQUIREMENTS

Dear All,

We are writing to advise you that the Queensland Government and Queensland Health have released a new Aged Care Direction for Queensland. At 4:45pm on 21 April 2021, Aged Care Direction No. 27 came into effect and it revokes the previous Direction No. 26.

In addition, and according to this new Direction, Queensland Health have revised the date for staff and visitors to have the influenza vaccination in order to enter a residential aged care centre in Queensland from 3 May 2021 to 30 May 2021. In summary, the following is now in effect:

- From 30 May 2021, all visitors must have had the 2021 flu vaccine if it is available to you, to enter an aged care facility. This includes children over 6 months of age.
Unless:
 - The person has a medical contraindication to the flu vaccine
 - The person is observing the recommended waiting period between receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine
- Visitors can enter a residential aged care facility ("RACF") if you comply with visitor requirements
 - stay 1.5 metres away from others where possible
 - stay in the resident's room, outside or in a specific area (avoiding communal spaces)

If you would like to review the latest Direction, you can do so at the following link which is subject to change pending Government updates: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/aged-care>

Your Centre will remain at Risk Level 3 on our internal Risk Assessment Matrix until otherwise advised. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your Centre Manager.

Kind regards,

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The Salvation Army Aged Care