



5 January 2021

Our Residents and Representatives
The Salvation Army Aged Care
Queensland

RE: AN UPDATE TO THE AGED CARE DIRECTION FOR QUEENSLAND

Dear All,

We are writing to advise you that the Queensland Government has released a new Aged Care Direction (No. 17) and it replaces Direction No. 16. According to the new Direction which came into effect on 4 January 2021, the Public Health Emergency for Queensland has been extended to 31 March 2021 and may be extended further. In addition, the following will now apply to all Residential Aged Care Centres in Queensland based on the latest Direction:

- *Clause 9: A person cannot enter the facility if they:*
 - *Have been in Victoria on or after 21 December 2020 are not allowed to enter a residential aged care facility unless 14 days have passed since the person was in Victoria.*
 - *Have been COVID19 hotspot 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 a temperature that is equal or higher than 37.5 degrees or symptoms consistent with COVID-19*
 - *Have undertaken a COVID-19 test and are awaiting the test result*
- *Clause 11-12: Despite Clause 9, employees, contractors, volunteers, support persons (family member, friend or carer) who have been in Victoria on or after 21 December 2020 may enter a residential aged care facility if the individual obtains a negative test in Queensland after returning from Victoria. The person may be requested to provide evidence of the negative COVID19 test when entering the facility.*

In accordance with these changes and the current risks associated with COVID-19 in Queensland, we will be keeping your Centre at Risk Level 3 on our internal Risk Assessment Matrix. We ask that you maintain physical distancing when in the Centre and be mindful of your hand hygiene. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. As always, if you have any questions, please get in touch with your Centre Manager.

Kind regards,

Samantha Jukes
General Manager – Residential Services
The Salvation Army Aged Care