



9 April 2021

Our Residents and Representatives
The Salvation Army Aged Care
Queensland

RE: A NEW AGED CARE DIRECTION FOR QUEENSLAND

Dear All,

We are writing to advise you that there is a new Aged Care Direction for Queensland. On 8 April 2021, Aged Care Direction (No. 26) came into effect at 3pm and it replaces the previous Direction (No. 25). As you would be aware, the following is currently in place for visitors to aged care centres in Queensland:

- Visitors are restricted to residential aged care facilities within the State of Queensland **unless visiting an end of life resident or maintaining continuity of care for a resident that can't be delivered by non-contact means with permission of the facility's operator.**
- Any person (other than a resident) permitted to enter a restricted facility must wear a single use surgical face mask

In addition, we would like to bring this new requirement to your attention which applies to all those accessing residential aged care centres in Queensland:

- Clause 9 (f): from 3 May 2021, a person must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a RACF ["Residential Aged Care Facility"] in QLD if the person does not have an up to date flu vaccination (if it is available to that person).
 - The flu vaccination is not available to a person only if: the person has a medical contraindication to the influenza vaccine or the person is observing the recommended waiting period between receiving COVID-19 vaccine and the influenza vaccine.

Based on the new Direction and the restrictions currently in place for aged care centres in Queensland, we have reviewed our internal Risk Assessment Matrix and your centre will remain at Risk Level 5 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