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Our Residents and Representatives
Riverview Gardens Aged Care Centre
The Salvation Army Aged Care

RE: A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTION

Dear All,

There has been an update to the Public Health Direction in Queensland as it relates to the wearing of masks at residential aged care centres in Queensland and managing connection between residents and non-residents. We would like to make you aware of it based on the following information as extracted from Aged Care Direction No.8 which can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/aged-care>

PART 1 — REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES

5. This part applies to all **residential aged care facilities** in the State of Queensland.
6. A person must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a residential aged care facility in the State of Queensland from the time of publication of this direction until the end of the declared public health emergency if:
 - a. during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry, the person arrived in Australia from a place outside Australia; or
 - b. during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry, the person has been in a **COVID-19 hotspot**; or
 - c. during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry, the person had known contact with a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
 - d. the person has a temperature equal to or higher than 37.5 degrees or symptoms of acute respiratory infection; or
 - e. the person does not have an up to date vaccination against influenza, if the vaccination is available to the person.

Example – the vaccination is not available to a person with a medical contraindication to the influenza vaccine

PART 3 — REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES

19. The purpose of this Part is to provide requirements for **restricted residential aged care facilities**.

Person Permitted To Enter A Restricted Residential Aged Care Facility

20. A person must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a restricted residential aged care facility in the State of Queensland unless:
 - a. the person is an employee or contactor of the restricted residential aged care facility; or



- b. *the person's presence at the premises is for the purposes of providing goods or services that are necessary for the effective operation of the restricted residential aged care facility, whether the goods are provided for consideration or on a voluntary basis; or*
 - c. *the person's presence at the premises is for the purposes of providing health, medical, personal care, or pharmaceutical services to a resident of the restricted residential aged care facility, whether the goods or services are provided for consideration or on a voluntary basis; or*
 - d. *the person's presence at the premises is for the purposes of end of life visit for a resident of the restricted residential aged care facility; or*
 - e. *the person's presence at the premises is required for the purposes of emergency management, law enforcement or the exercise of a power or function of a government agency or entity under a law; or*
 - f. *the person's presence at the premises is in the person's capacity as a prospective resident of the restricted residential aged care facility or as a **support person** of a prospective resident of the restricted residential aged care facility.*
21. *Despite paragraph 20, a person must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a restricted residential aged care facility in accordance with Part 1, paragraph 6.*

Residents

22. *The operator of a restricted residential aged care facility must not permit a resident, excluding an end of life resident, to leave the facility except:*
- a. *to receive or access health care; or*
 - b. *to attend a funeral; or*
 - c. *in the case of emergency or on any other compassionate grounds.*

Wearing of Face Masks

23. *Any person (other than a resident) must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a restricted residential aged care facility without wearing a single use surgical face mask.*

Note – a person who does not, or is unable to wear a mask, must not enter a restricted residential aged care facility.



If you have any questions, please speak to your Centre Manager.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Feddema".

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