



17 November 2020

Our Residents  
The Salvation Army Aged Care

**RE: THE USE OF MASKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Dear All,

We are mindful of the NSW Health directives as they relate to Aged Care settings and the levels of community transmission of COVID-19 in New South Wales. As such, we are writing to you with an update on the use of masks in New South Wales. Effective from today, Tuesday, 17 November 2020, you are encouraged to wear a mask in the following circumstances:

- If you are gathering in a group or going out into the community. Please be reminded that gatherings of no more than 20 can take place indoors regardless of the 4-metre square rule and 30 people outdoors based on the NSW Government regulations; The Government also suggests that those over the aged of 70 years old should take extra care generally during the pandemic as a precaution;
- If you are attending choir practice or singing in the Chapel.

According to advice from the Chief Health Officer, NSW Health recommends the following measures for singing and chanting. A small group of up to 5 people may sing together in a large well-ventilated (preferably outdoor) area if:

- All singers face forwards and not towards each other;
- Have physical distancing of 1.5 metres between each other and any other; performers, and 5 metres from all other people including the audience and conductor;
- Ensembles and other musical groups should rehearse and perform outdoors or in large, well-ventilated indoor spaces.

As outlined in the letter to our NSW Residential Aged Care Centres, unless our staff are from an area that requires them to wear masks, they are not required to wear a mask when in the Village unless they would prefer to.

Please be mindful of the areas of 'increased testing' and those areas identified as ones in which you must 'monitor for symptoms' are listed at the following link: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw>.

If you would like assistance with reviewing the information in this link, or if you have any questions, please get in touch with your Village Manager.

Kind regards,

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The Salvation Army Aged Care