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Residents and Representatives
Barrington Lodge Aged Care Centre
The Salvation Army Aged Care

RE: UPDATE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS

Dear all,

On 13 July 2020 the Director of Public Health for Tasmania has provided a direction with some additional changes in visiting restrictions for aged care centres in Tasmania.

- The direction revises the definition of significant person to include a grandchild of a resident or a sibling of a resident. This will allow the Director of Public Health to grant an exemption to a grandchild or a sibling of a resident who is approaching end of life in residential care, despite being having recently come from interstate, or had contact with a case or suspected case, or not had influenza vaccine; provided they are well and follow specified requirements of the Director Public Health to mitigate risk.
- Previously, a significant person was limited to spouse (and persons in significant relationships), child and parent of a resident.
- Aged care facility visit restrictions information can be found at <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/families-community/aged-care-facility-visits>

Please note that all other restrictions remain in place and that the above additional changes will be implemented at Barrington Lodge on Friday 17 July 2020. Please also note that in the end of life circumstances where special visiting arrangements are required, this will be managed in close consultation with the Centre Manager and Area Manager on a case by case scenario.

Temperature checks will still take place on arrival. During business hours, our receptionist will attend to this and after hours, our Registered Nurse will assist.

Please continue to maintain hand hygiene and social distancing practices, particularly in public places. Additionally, we'd like to remind you that if you or your loved one is unwell, or if you have travelled within the last 14 days, not to visit the elderly. If you have any questions or feedback, please get in touch with your Centre Manager.

Kind regards,

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