



17 July 2020

Our Residents and Representatives
The Salvation Army Aged Care

RE: A COVID-19 UPDATE FROM NSW HEALTH

Dear All,

There has been an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in New South Wales and we have received an update from NSW Health in relation to this as extracted below. They are requesting that residential aged care centres screen staff and visitors against the following venues and dates:

- **Crossroads Hotel, Casula:** 3-10 July (people who attended the Crossroads Hotel during these dates are advised to immediately self-isolate until 14 days after they were last there and attend a clinic for testing even if they have no symptoms)
- **Picton Hotel:** 4, 5, 9, 10 July
- **Planet Fitness, Casula:** 6 - 10 July
- **Star City Casino:** 4 July (8:00pm - 10:30pm)
- **Canterbury Leagues Cub:** 4 July (11:00pm - 1:00am)
- **Narellan Town Centre Shopping Town** (Kmart, Target, Best & Less, H&M and food court): 6 July
- **Zone Bowling, Villawood:** 27 June (11:00am – 3:00pm)
- **Cook, Kurnell:** 5 July (11:30am - 12:30 pm)
- **Highfield, Caringbah:** 5 July (6:00pm - 9:00pm)
- **Merimbula RSL:** 6 July (6:00pm - 9:00pm)
- **Waterfront Café, Merimbula:** 7 July (8:30am - 9:30am)
- **Murray Downs Golf Club:** 4-5 July

Staff and visitors who have attended these venues on these dates should not be allowed to enter the centre until 14 days after they last attended the venue and are well. It remains essential that anyone with symptoms, even very mild symptoms, get tested and stay home until cleared.

In addition, we have received the following advice from the NSW Government:

The outbreak of COVID-19 continues in Victoria and an outbreak has been detected in South Western Sydney, associated with the Crossroads Hotel in Casula. It is crucial that all residential aged care facilities maintain vigilance to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into your facility.

Given the current risk of COVID-19 now in the community please implement the following measures:



All facilities:

- Anyone with fever or respiratory symptoms, even mild, should be excluded from the facility. They should be advised to isolate at home and seek COVID-19 testing.
- Any visitors who have been in Victoria in the last two weeks should be excluded from the facility.
- Until the end of July, any visitors to any residential aged care facility who have been in the following local government areas in the previous two weeks should be excluded from the facility: **Liverpool, Campbelltown, Camden, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly.**
- All aged care staff who reside in the above **South Western Sydney local government areas** must wear a surgical mask while in the facility until at least the end of July. Further advice will be provided should this be a required measure post the end of July.
- Staff and visitors who have visited any of the locations linked to the COVID-19 outbreak in South Western Sydney (see updated list of venues and dates at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>) should be excluded for a period of 14 days since their visit to the listed location. It is important to regularly check the website, as this list may expand.

We understand that the situation is changing rapidly given the nature of COVID-19 and we appreciate all that you are doing to protect our residents and your loved ones.

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

Kind regards,

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

Samantha Feddema

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