



9 July 2020

Our Residents and Representatives
James Barker House Aged Care Centre
The Salvation Army Aged Care

Dear All,

The Victorian State Government has stated that Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will revert to Stage 3 “Stay at Home” restrictions from 11:59pm on Wednesday 8 July for 6 weeks. Given that James Barker House Aged Care Centre is located in Metropolitan Melbourne, and in the Local Government Area of Maribyrnong, this will affect the centre. The Stage 3 “Stay at Home” restrictions state that residents will not be allowed to leave the centre unless for the following four reasons:

- Medical care and care giving;
- Exercise but by not leaving Metropolitan Melbourne;
- Shopping for food and supplies;
- Study or work – if unable to do so from home.

Given these Stage 3 restrictions, we have decided to move James Barker House Aged Care Centre from Risk Level 4 to Risk Level 5 as a precaution and in line with the State Government increase in restrictions.

Under Risk Level 5, the following also apply:

- No visitors, volunteers or non-essential contractors can visit the centre. This does not include contractors providing essential services such as kitchen and cleaning staff. The exception will be for visitors who meet criteria for compassionate access, including if a resident is palliating;
- Temperature checks will be completed on all parties entering the center;
- Group activities in the home will continue to be restricted in size including 2-3 inside and 5-7 outside.

We ask that you take note of the increased testing and surveillance taking place in Melbourne at the moment given the rise in cases of COVID-19 and that you follow the lockdown restrictions. We understand that this might be an inconvenience but the health and wellbeing of our residents and staff is our utmost priority.

If you notice that you have any signs of a respiratory illness such as a cough, a runny nose, shortness of breath or the loss of taste or smell, or if you have a fever, please notify your Centre Manager. If you have a loved one at the centre who is permitted visitors and you feel unwell, we ask that you stay away from the centre and contact your General Practitioner or call the Coronavirus hotline. We thank you for your understanding and continued support at this time.



In addition, there has been an update to the Public Health Direction in Victoria. Direction No. 6, which is now in force and it states that residents will be permitted to be visited by children under the age of 16 if the child is accompanied by an adult and if the child is visiting to support a palliating resident. Please note how Risk Level 5 affects this change in that visitors including children are not permitted at the moment unless to visit a palliating resident. Please also note that government mandated flu vaccination requirements still apply to all visitors.

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

Kind regards,

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

Samantha Feddema

General Manager – Residential Services
The Salvation Army Aged Care