



8 January 2021

Dear Resident or Family Member,

## **RE: Updated Visitor Restrictions – All NSW Calvary Retirement Communities**

As you will be aware, the COVID-19 situation in Sydney and Brisbane continues to evolve. Today, NSW Health advised a further revision of the visitor restrictions for residential aged care facilities across the Greater Sydney Area and regional NSW.

**Consistent with the latest NSW Health advice issued today, Calvary will align our restrictions on visitation. The next review of these restrictions will be undertaken in line with NSW Health advice or directions.**

While Calvary is pleased to be able to welcome visitors back to our homes, we must remain particularly cautious. Accordingly, and consistent with NSW Health advice to the community, we request that only necessary visits to our aged care homes are undertaken during this period of heightened risk.

**Your safety is our first priority. The restrictions we have in place are for the protection of residents, their loved ones, our staff and the broader community.**

### **What does this mean for residents and families?**

**The following restrictions will apply immediately, 8 January 2021 at All NSW Calvary Retirement Community until further advice or directions are received.**

- **Visitors who have been in the Northern Area of the Northern Beaches, City of Wollongong, Cumberland City Council and Canterbury Ward of Canterbury Bankstown Council are currently not permitted entry.**
- **Visitors who have been in the following Queensland Local Government Areas since 2 January 2021: [City of Brisbane](#), [Logan City](#), [City of Ipswich](#), [Moreton Bay Region](#), [Redland City](#), [Lockyer Valley Region](#), [Scenic Rim Region](#) or [Somerset Region](#) are currently not permitted entry.**
- **Up to any two (2) visitors per resident will be permitted entry at any one time between 11am-6pm each day. Visitors are limited to two (2) visitors per day per resident.**
- **Visitors from NSW COVID-19 Identified Areas will not be permitted entry at this time.** Visitors who have been in any [identified NSW COVID-19 case locations](#) will not be permitted to visit.
- **Visitors who live with a person who is self-isolating or are a close contact of a person with confirmed COVID-19 or are within their self-isolation period will not be permitted entry.**
- **Special exceptions to visitation rules.** Exceptions may apply for visitors of residents at end of life, or who may be experiencing distress, or where a care and support role is provided by a visitor. Please speak with the manager of your home to discuss arrangements.
- **Visits must be strictly limited to the resident's room.** Social/physical distancing of a single person per 4 square metres and 1.5 metres separation must be observed at all times.
- **Visitors and staff are required to wear a facemask.** Consistent with the latest NSW Health advice, visitors and staff must wear a mask at all times. Where a visitor does not provide their own mask, or the mask does not meet requirements, Calvary will provide a mask upon entry.



- **Resident outings will be permitted, subject to Facility Manager approval.** Each outing request will need to first be discussed with and approved by the Facility Manager. Due to the heightened risk, resident attendance at a function where there is any person who has been in the **Northern Area of the Northern Beaches, City of Wollongong, Cumberland City Council and Canterbury Ward of Canterbury Bankstown Council** and Visitors who have been in the following Queensland Local Government Areas since 2 January 2021: [City of Brisbane](#), [Logan City](#), [City of Ipswich](#), [Moreton Bay Region](#), [Redland City](#), [Lockyer Valley Region](#), [Scenic Rim Region](#) or [Somerset Region](#) will not be allowed. Excursions for medical treatment will continue to be permitted as usual.
- **Resident outings should be limited to a family residence.** We strongly advise to limit resident outings to the family home and outdoors where possible, avoiding public locations of higher risk. Please continue to observe social/physical distancing and we advise families to utilise face masks during the outing.
- **Screening and temperature checks.** Screening questions and temperature checks for all visitors and staff will continue. If a visitor is found to have an elevated temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or greater, entry will not be permitted.
- **Hand hygiene is important.** Remember to please use the hand sanitiser stations at the entrance and throughout the facility regularly.

The situation in Sydney will continue to evolve over the coming days and weeks. We anticipate further changes to restrictions will be advised and will adjust our restrictions accordingly.

We understand the daily limitations may cause some disappointment for some residents and their families. If you are unable to visit at this time, we remind and encourage you to contact the facility to arrange a [WebEx video call](#) with your loved one.

We will continue to monitor NSW Health advice and keep you informed of any developments. For the latest information on identified NSW Health COVID-19 case locations, please [visit the NSW Government website](#).

Please don't hesitate to contact the manager of your home should you have any questions or would like to discuss the individual care needs of your loved one. For up-to-date information for all residents and family members, please visit Calvary's COVID-19 updates site regularly at: [www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au](http://www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au)

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation in this particularly challenging time. By following the rules, you are helping us to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

**Martin Bowles**  
National CEO

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