



12 April 2021

Dear Calvary Patient,

RE: Special COVID-19 Visitation Restrictions for ACT Private Hospitals

While the COVID-19 situation in Australia is improving, transmission remains a risk.

Consistent with the latest ACT Health advice and for the safety of our patients, their loved ones and our staff, Calvary has the following restrictions on visitation at our ACT private hospitals.

From Monday 12 April 2021, the following updated restrictions are in place at Calvary Bruce Private Hospital and Calvary John James Private Hospital:

- **Any two (2) visitors per patient will be permitted to visit each day.**
- **Consistent with ACT Health advice, any person who has been in a [geographical area of risk](https://www.health.act.gov.au/health-professionals/chief-health-officer-alerts/covid-19-testing-information) within 14 days of leaving the affected area will not be permitted to enter a hospital or aged care setting.** For the latest geographic areas of risk, visit the ACT Health website at: <https://www.health.act.gov.au/health-professionals/chief-health-officer-alerts/covid-19-testing-information>
- **Child visitors (aged 0-17 years).** We request that child visitors do not visit at this time. Where a child does visit, each visit must be negotiated with the Ward Manager. Child visitors must be under the direct supervision of an adult carer at all times.
- **For patients who are at end of life, there may be exceptions to visitation restrictions.** If you or a loved one are receiving palliative care or are at end of life, please contact the hospital to discuss whether an exceptional visit can be arranged.
- **Social/physical distancing of 1.5 metres separation and 1 person per 4 square metres is required.**
- **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.** Please use the hand sanitiser stations at the entrance and throughout the hospital.

Your safety remains our primary responsibility. We thank patients and visitors for continuing to follow the directions of staff so that we may maintain the safest possible environment for everyone.

We will keep you updated as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve and will ease restrictions as soon as it is safe to so, in line with ACT Government advice. For up-to-date information for all patients and their loved ones, please visit Calvary's COVID-19 updates site regularly at: www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au

Please don't hesitate to contact the hospital should you have any questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,

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