

18th May 2021

Dear General Practitioner,

## **RE: Updated Visitor Restrictions and mask wearing arrangements at Calvary NSW Retirement Communities.**

Yesterday, the NSW Government announced an easing of restrictions for residential aged care facilities given the current low risk of COVID-19 transmission in the community.

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

Consistent with the latest NSW Health advice, Calvary is pleased to be able to advise that it has reviewed its visitor restrictions.

### **The following eased restrictions are in place as from today 18th May 2021:**

- **Mask wearing, is no longer mandatory** for staff or visitors
- **Any number of visitors will be permitted** to visit between the hours of 11am-6pm each day
- **Visitors must not enter if they have been to any NSW close or casual contact locations** or interstate places of high concern.
  - <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx>
  - <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Documents/interstate-concerns-notice.pdf>
- **Visits will be permitted in all areas of the facility excluding dining areas.** Visits will be permitted where social/physical distancing of 1 person per 2 square metres and 1.5 metres separation can be observed.
- **From 1 June to 30 September 2021 visitors must not enter a Calvary facility if they have not received a dose of the 2021 influenza vaccine,** unless they meet the criteria under the exceptional and special circumstances. <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/racfs-visits-outings.aspx>
- **Evidence of flu vaccination** will be required.

- **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.
- **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. Residents and families have been advised to speak with the manager of their home to discuss arrangements.

We are pleased to be able to take these next steps in easing restrictions.

For up-to-date information please visit Calvary's COVID-19 updates site regularly at:

[www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au](http://www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au)

Sincerely,



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