

24th May 2021

Dear General Practitioner,

## **RE: Update on Visitation Restrictions - Calvary St Catherine's and Calvary Flora McDonald Retirement Communities**

We are thankful the COVID-19 situation in South Australia remains stable.

Due to the reduced risk of transmission in Adelaide, Calvary is pleased to be able to further ease restrictions on visitation currently in place at Calvary St Catherine's and Calvary Flora McDonald Retirement Communities.

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

From today 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the following eased restrictions apply:

- **Unlimited visitors will be permitted to visit each day** at times that suit the residents. The total number of visitors per day and the duration of each visit are no longer restricted.
- **Visitors who have attended identified areas of risk within the last 14 days**, are requested to not visit at this time. These areas will be displayed at the front of the facility and will be included in screening questions.
- **As at June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 Influenza vaccination is required as per South Australia Emergency Directives.** Any visitor must have had the 2021 seasonal Influenza vaccine. Visitors will be required to provide proof of vaccination before entering and have been asked to provide this during business hours so that their vaccination can be validated by staff.
- **Swipe card access** which has been recently implemented **at Flora McDonald Retirement Community**, will continue to be required to enter and exit the facility before 830 am and after 430 pm Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. **Swipe cards can be purchased from the front reception during business hours.** Please note this swipe card access is only in place at Flora McDonald Retirement Community.
- **All visitors are asked to adhere to the social/physical distancing requirements**, maximum 3 people per 4 square meters.
- **Larger space for bigger family gatherings should be discussed** with the facility manager so that we can help accommodate this appropriately.
- **Resident outings.** Resident outings to attend family group gatherings are permitted. Excursions for medical treatment will continue to be permitted as usual.
- **Screening and temperature checks** - screening questions and temperature checks for all residents, visitors and staff will continue. If a visitor is found to have an elevated temperature greater than 37.5 degrees Celsius, entry will not be permitted.
- **Calvary utilises an automated screening system.** If you are unfamiliar with this system please liaise with staff during business hour to learn the process to provide easy access on arrival. Stickers issued during the screening process must be worn and visible during all visits.
- **Hand hygiene is important.** Remember to please use the hand sanitiser stations at the entrance and throughout the facility regularly.



Please feel free to share these eased restrictions with patients and family.

We will continue to monitor the situation and change restrictions on visitation as needed. At times this may be immediate.

Our primary responsibility remains the protection of residents, staff and visitors.

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)

Please don't hesitate to contact the manager of either home should you have any questions or would like more information.

We thank you for your assistance and understanding which have helped keep everyone safe to date.

Sincerely,

**Sharon Kendall**

Regional CEO - SA