



## IMPORTANT: Mask restriction

**Date:** 15 July 2021  
**To:** All Calvary SA Employees, VMOs, Volunteers – All Calvary SA sites  
**Effective:** Midnight 15 July 2021  
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The COVID-19 situation continues to evolve.

This afternoon the State Government announced a return to internal restrictions within South Australia following concerns of the growing number of cases across our States and the amount of people travelling during the school holiday period.

### **Border restrictions**

There are various restrictions across multiple states that will come into effect from midnight tonight. This will be published on the <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au> website this evening once the cross border direction has been updated.

With many of our staff and VMOs travelling due to school holidays, please visit this site for specific updates. <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/cross-border-travel>

Regardless of your vaccination status if you have returned from travel to these areas additional South Australian requirements in relation to quarantine, testing and restrictions are required which you must adhere to.

### **Mask wearing**

All Calvary hospitals and residential care facilities are deemed high risk sites.

All staff on site at a Calvary Healthcare high risk site in South Australia, are required to wear a mask at all times as of **midnight on 15 July 2021**. This includes all VMOs, staff, visitors and contractors.

All staff, VMOs, visitors and contractors will be provided a hospital mask at screening.

All patients should wear a mask when transiting between their room and anywhere else within the hospital. Patients are not required to wear masks when in their room. Some exceptions may apply for children and those that cannot tolerate masks.

All masks must be a hospital issued mask. Please do not wear personal masks from home.



Some useful facts about masks:

Masks in best case scenario (when they are not touched or removed from face) have a life of up to 4 hours (if not wet).

We anticipate that most staff will need approximately 3 masks per shift. We ask you to play your part in practicing good stewardship and utilise new masks only when necessary. We also ask that staff do not stock pile masks.

Masks should be removed and replaced in the following circumstances:

1. You touch your mask
2. You remove your mask from nose and mouth area (e.g. to eat, drink or blow nose)
3. Mask should not be lowered and worn around chin and then put back onto face

If you remove your mask please discard in the following manner:

1. Perform hand hygiene
2. Handle the mask by the string or tape that wraps around your ear only
3. Discard into nearest waste bin immediately
4. Do not scrunch it into a ball and put it in your pocket.

If you need to remove your mask for any of the above reasons new masks will be issued at various points in the hospital, including:

- In each area - your manager or team leader will be able to issue you with a new face mask
- Staff working in recovery and theatre areas should obtain masks in their usual manner
- The screening staff at COVID screening stations will be able to issue a new mask

Staff dining room, please note:

- Masks do not need to be worn in this area whilst you are on meal break
- We encourage all staff to eat their meals or have their breaks in outside areas
- Social distancing regulations are very important in these staff meal areas, whilst masks are not being worn

Office rooms (e.g. Managers offices)

- A mask is not required in office spaces where social distancing can be ensured and door is closed.

### **Calvary Staff**

For Calvary employees requiring more information regarding COVID-19 leave arrangements, as well as a range of other staff resources, please visit: <http://www.calvarystaffupdates.org.au>



We appreciate your patience and understanding and thank you for your continued support of our collective efforts to protect our patients, residents, staff, VMO's and wider community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

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