



## **IMPORTANT: SA lockdown information**

**Date:** 20 July 2021  
**To:** Calvary SA staff and VMOs – All sites  
**Effective:** Immediately  
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As you will be aware, following confirmation that the delta variant is within the community of South Australia, the State Government has announced a state-wide lockdown with Level 5 restrictions effective from 6pm 20 July 2021. At this stage advice indicates that these restrictions will be in place for 7 days.

As a result of these new restrictions, a number of changes are required to be implemented effective immediately as follows:

### **Elective Surgery**

Today, the State Government advised restrictions on elective surgery in South Australia. The Emergency Management Directive will not be available until later this evening but we have verbally been informed that 'non-discretionary surgical activity' is allowed. We interpret this to be Category 1 and urgent Category 2 surgeries and procedures. We will provide a further update once the Direction is available.

### **Visitor Restrictions**

#### **Hospital Visitors**

Reducing the number of people accessing our sites is necessary to reduce the risk of introduction of COVID-19 to the facility.

This advice may change over time however effective from midday tomorrow (21 July 2021);

- Calvary has made the difficult decision to cease visitation at all Calvary private hospitals and residential sites. There will be no visitors allowed with exceptions for obstetrics, paediatrics, and palliative care, or where a care and support role is provided by a visitor. Please speak with the clinical manager to discuss arrangements.
- During the existing pre-admission screening telephone call, this information will be explained to patients.
- A flyer has been developed for all incoming patients
- Information to this effect will be placed on all websites and social media platforms.

We understand there may be concerns raised regarding this approach but it is important that we protect our vulnerable patients and staff.

#### **Visitors to consulting suites or other on-site appointments**

No visitors are permitted to accompany the patient to an appointment. If necessary, exceptions to allow a support/carer person may be granted by prior arrangement with your practice.



## **PPE**

Calvary's National and Local Procurement Teams have established and maintained throughout the pandemic several secure lines of supply, both domestically and internationally, to ensure resilience in our supply chain. This supply chain is providing us with sufficient stock to meet our usual requirements and will further secure the necessary stocks if a surge in demand should occur. At this time, we would like to ask everyone to utilise our resources with care.

## **Clinical meetings / gatherings**

Social distancing is a key part of slowing COVID-19 so all gatherings of clinicians and staff must be considered;

- All non-essential meetings should be held using alternate methods including teleconferencing, WebEx, Zoom, etc. This includes craft group meetings, MDT, senior leader meetings;
- Where a face-to-face meeting is essential to manage the ongoing care of current patients as well as clinical handover, the following should be considered to minimize the risk to staff: size of the room, number of people.

## **Volunteers**

This group are largely older and would be regarded as one of the more vulnerable groups in the community. In order to keep this group safe, volunteers have been advised to cease supporting our services and providing assistance to patients and staff effective today.

## **Current Exposure Sites**

As this situation is evolving very quickly, we ask that you regularly [check the latest exposure sites from SA Health](#) to ensure that you have not been exposed to COVID-19.

## **Calvary Adelaide COVID Vaccination Clinic**

Please be advised that the COVID Vaccination clinic at Calvary Adelaide for staff, VMOs and tenants of Calvary will continue to operate during this time.

All booking related queries can be directed to the Booking Team on 8227 6179 during clinic hours (7:30am-3:30pm).

Thank you for working together with us during this time.

We hope that our combined efforts will allow our hospitals to remain COVID free to be available to support the community of SA.

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