



# **IMPORTANT: Outbreak Update for All Staff - Calvary Haydon Retirement Community**

**Date:** 7 October 2021  
**To:** CRC Haydon - All Staff (including CRC NSW staff assisting)  
**From:** Barb Reid, Regional CEO - ACT | Karen Campbell, General Manager Calvary Haydon

**The management of the COVID-19 outbreak at Calvary Haydon Retirement Community continues with the current number of active positive cases totaling ten (10) residents and four (4) staff.**

We are pleased to report that no additional cases have been identified since 2 October 2021. All COVID-positive residents are residing in the Mary Potter household and COVID-positive staff are in self-isolation at home.

We continue to check in on the health and wellbeing of the COVID-positive members of staff who are in self-isolation at home and provide any assistance that is necessary.

**Calvary Haydon has published Version 4 of its [Outbreak PPE Donning and Doffing Procedures](#) document for all Haydon staff to be familiar with.**

## **Release of Residents – St Patrick, St Margaret and St Francis**

After agreement with the ACT Health, we are pleased to advise staff that residents who reside in the St Patrick, St Margaret and St Francis households of the facility will be permitted more freedom of movement from today – Thursday 7 October 2021.

**Unfortunately, due to the close contact status of the St Teresa and Mary Potter households, residents of these households will need to remain confined to their rooms at this time.**

The release from rooms for St Patrick, St Margaret and St Francis household residents, including for walks and communal dining, amongst other activities, must be limited to within their own household of residence.

## **Key Points**

- Residents will remain cohorted within their households. No movement between households is permitted.
- Where possible, staff will continue to be cohorted to specific households.
- Staff will continue to use N95 face masks and face shields.
- Residents will be able to return to normal movement within their household only. The dining room will be set for two residents per table, and tables positioned to maintain minimum physical distance of 1.5 metres.
- Residents will be offered a surgical mask for use when outside their rooms, however it is not mandatory that they wear one.
- COVID-19 safe practices will be maintained within the household, including physical distancing, environmental cleaning, hand hygiene, reducing/restricting number of individuals in rooms, and isolation and use of full PPE with any resident who has onset of respiratory symptoms.
- St Patricks residents will be allowed outside into enclosed courtyard area (COVID-19 safe practices applies).
- Calvary Haydon has installed a temporary wall on the ground floor separating the back of the facility (incl. back corridor and ground floor households) from the front of the ground floor (incl. lift, reception etc.) to allow



Level 1 residents to be brought down for 'window visits' (this will occur in a coordinated way to reduce traffic through the facility, maintains cohorting of households and enables social distancing).

- All residents will be monitored daily for onset of respiratory symptoms (cough, runny nose, sore throat, loss of sense or smell or taste) including temperature checks.

### Important Reminder - Your Second COVID-19 Vaccination

As you will know, COVID-19 vaccination is so important to protecting you, your family and the residents in your care from infection. At least one dose of vaccine has been a mandatory condition of employment since September. If you have not booked in for your second dose of vaccination, please do so immediately. Please remember that evidence of your second vaccination will also be required.

### Employee assistance is available

We understand this is an emotionally challenging time for our staff. Staff may be feeling a range of emotions due to what has happened and our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider LIFEWORKS is here to help. **LIFEWORKS is available to provide free confidential counselling support to staff and their family.**

Please contact LIFEWORKS on 1300 361 008 as you require it.

### Help your colleagues to manage the outbreak

ACT Health has advised that Calvary Haydon staff with at least one (1) vaccine are permitted to work at the facility and fully vaccinated staff (who have received both doses) are permitted to work in the Mary Potter wing, the location of all COVID-positive residents.

Thank you for calling the Rosters Contact person below to arrange your shift immediately.

### Contact Number

Please contact the Rosters Contact at Calvary Haydon immediately on:

- Phone: 0467 721 676

### Am I safe to return to work?

You are safe to continue to provide resident care because you are trained and prepared for a COVID-19 outbreak. Just like during any infectious outbreak, your training means you will know how to provide resident care safely by following our strict infection prevention and control procedures, including the correct use of PPE.

Full outbreak PPE (gloves, masks, face shields, gowns) has been provided and will continue to be supplied as needed to all employees. Staff will be provided with refresher training on donning and doffing PPE when they attend the site for work.

Calvary Haydon Retirement Community has published Version 4 of its [Outbreak PPE Donning and Doffing Procedures](#) document for all Haydon staff to be familiar with. The correct use of PPE greatly reduces the risk COVID-19 transmission and keeps you our staff and our residents safe.

We understand this is an emotionally challenging time for our staff and want to ensure you that we have the supports in place to give you what you need to continue providing care for our residents. Staff can stay up to date by visiting [www.calvarystaffupdates.org.au](http://www.calvarystaffupdates.org.au)

Thank you for all that you are doing, particularly at this time of immediate need.