

17 December 2021

Dear Staff,

RE: COVID-19 Outbreak Update for Residents and Families: Calvary Flora McDonald Retirement Community

I would like to provide staff with an update following yesterday's [notification](#) that a fully vaccinated, asymptomatic member of Calvary Flora McDonald staff has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19), and to inform you of the actions we are taking to prevent further COVID-19 infection and keep you safe and well.

I am also pleased to let you know that after our first round of testing, 100% of tested residents have now returned a negative COVID result. We will keep you updated with regards to staff results.

What do staff need to know?

- **Residents in the Julian Woods Unit are cohorted and will remain in their rooms for the time being.** All resident care, including meals and hydration, medication, exercise, medical care and phone/video call contact with families is being provided in their room. This arrangement will be necessary to continue until the SA Communicable Diseases Branch (CDB) has deemed that it is safe to allow movement throughout the Unit and/or Home again.
- **Residents in other Units within Calvary Flora McDonald** can move about as normal within their Unit, but not throughout the Home.
- **COVID-19 testing of residents and staff.** Testing was undertaken for the residents at Julian Woods yesterday evening, and we are pleased to let you know that 100% of tested residents have now returned a negative COVID result. There will be a schedule of testing for residents and staff as directed by the SA CDB. All details of staff have been provided to SA Health.
- **PPE Usage** – all staff must wear N95 mask and face shields across the facility. Staff working in Julian woods will be required to wear full PPE.

Could I have been exposed to COVID-19?

Calvary has provided a list of all staff who were close contacts of the staff member to SA Health and have been advised by Calvary Flora McDonald Management.

Any person who has been advised that they are a close or casual contact of a COVID-19 case should follow the directions of SA Health.

Additionally, we recommend any person who has any symptoms of COVID-19 should seek testing and stay at home and self-isolate.

Staffing

We acknowledge that this is a difficult time for staff, however we are very confident with our preparation and support that has been provided to all staff over the past 18 months to effectively manage this outbreak and ensure the safety of all staff and residents during the outbreak.

We are requesting that all staff support us where they can and require staff to only work at Flora McDonald. Any staff member requiring additional hours to supplement a second job are to advise us ASAP so these hours can be offered to you.



Julian Woods is the only area that is affected.

There is plenty of PPE available for staff and we are working closely with the communicable diseases branch who are supporting the management onsite, in addition to our other support services, community care and the hospitals.

If any staff have any concerns please reach out to us.

Calvary will continue to contact staff with a situation update.

For more information and regular situation updates, please visit <https://www.calvarycare.org.au/notifications/staff-updates-covid-19/> (staff) or www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au (residents and families).

We are also committed to ensuring that you are provided with the information you want – quickly and regularly. You can help us to ease anxiety by sharing this information with other staff.

Sincerely,

Sharon Kendall
Regional CEO – SA/NT