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# COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) update

Further to my letter dated 24 December 2020, as a valued member of the Sundale community, I wanted to provide you with an update and outline Sundale's current approach to managing the COVID-19 situation.

## Important update for anyone who has travelled or is travelling to Victoria or New South Wales

While Queensland's borders remain unchanged, anyone currently in Queensland who has been in Victoria on or since Monday 21 December 2020, should get tested immediately and quarantine at home or their accommodation until receiving a negative COVID-19 test result.

Queenslanders are urged to reconsider non-essential travel to New South Wales and Victoria as the situation in each state is concerning, and border arrangements may change. Queensland residents that are currently in New South Wales or Victoria should consider returning home.

### **Queensland resident returning from New South Wales**

Queensland residents who have been in a declared hotspot (currently Greater Sydney) in the last 14 days:

- Must apply for a <u>Queensland Border Declaration Pass</u> before entering Queensland;
- Can only enter Queensland by air and will be directed to quarantine in government arranged accommodation.

Queenslanders returning from New South Wales that have not been in a declared hotspot (currently Greater Sydney) in the last 14 days:

- Must apply for a Queensland Border Declaration Pass before entering Queensland;
- Can enter Queensland by any mode of transportation.

Hotspots are places in Australia or safe travel zone countries where health officials have found a lot of people with COVID-19, or places that are at risk of a lot of COVID-19 infections. Hotspots are legally listed so that people travelling from those high-risk areas into Queensland can be identified.

From 1am AEST Monday 21 December 2020, 35 New South Wales LGAs are considered COVID-19 hotspots.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Any resident who has travelled to, or has had close contact with someone who has travelled to/from New South Wales or Victoria must notify Sundale Retirement Villages Manager, Leigh Kersnovske (0488 560 331 or <a href="mailto:leigh.kernovske@sundale.org.au">leigh.kernovske@sundale.org.au</a>) immediately.

Next steps, including whether you are allowed to enter a Sundale Clubhouse will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

#### **CLUBHOUSES**

Sundale's Clubhouses remain open to external visitors.

Any persons willing to enter a Sundale Clubhouse **must** comply with the following Conditions of Entry.

- Be willing to undergo a screening process (including temperatures / previous travel);
- Keep social distancing;
- Stay at least 1.5 metres away from others;
- Make sure there is at least 2 square metres per person when indoors;
- Practice hand hygiene;
- Practice respiratory hygiene.

Sundale residents and visitors are not permitted to enter a Sundale Clubhouse if they answer **yes** to any of the screening questions or if their temperature is more than 37.5 degrees.

In accordance with the Queensland Government's 2m<sup>2</sup> per person when indoors directive the following limits also apply:

Location	Capacity
Coolum Waters Clubhouse	50 persons maximum
Coolum Waters – The Hub	50 persons maximum
Palmwoods Gardens Village Clubhouse	Main area – 42 persons maximum
	Snooker area – 15 persons maximum
	Please note, 50 persons only are permitted to
	be in the Palmwoods Garden Village Clubhouse
	at any one time.
Rotary Garden Village Clubhouse	Main area – 35 persons maximum
	Snooker area – 12 persons maximum
	Cinema – 12 persons maximum (using)
	alternative seating)
	Please note, 50 persons only are permitted to
	be in the Rotary Garden Village Clubhouse at
	any one time.

Sundale has also implemented additional measures at its Clubhouses to help protect everyone's health and safety, including:

- Hand sanitiser stations, which are to be used before touching door handles;
- Small bottles of hand sanitiser, which are now available upon entry;
- Antibacterial wipes;
- Maximum room and floor capacity signs, which remind residents and visitors of the importance of social distancing and the maximum amount of people allowed in each room.

To help protect the health and wellbeing of all residents and to minimise the threat of COVID-19 entering a Sundale Retirement Community, it is essential residents and visitors thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces at the conclusion of all gatherings in a Sundale Clubhouse.

Sundale will also methodically clean and disinfect all Clubhouses once a week.

Queensland's COVID Safe Future also remains in place. As at noon 14 December 2020:

- Gatherings: 50 people allowed to gather in homes and 100 in public spaces across
  Queensland;
- Indoor premises: One person per 2m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. restaurants, cafés, pubs, clubs, museums, art galleries, places of worship, convention centres and Parliament House). Indoor play areas and unattended retail (such as children's rides and freestanding unattended amusement and wellbeing machines within a premises can open with a COVID Safe Checklist;
- Wedding ceremonies: Up to 200 people can attend a wedding and all guests can dance (both indoors and outdoors);
- Funerals: Up to 200 people can attend a funeral;
- Indoor events: 100% capacity at seated, ticketed venues with patrons encouraged to wear masks on entry and exit (e.g. theatre, live music, cinemas and indoor sports). Performers can distance from audience at 2m, except choirs which remain at 4m from the audience;
- Outdoor events: 1500 people permitted at outdoor events with a COVID Safe Event Checklist. Larger events require a COVID Safe Plan;
- Open air stadiums: 100% seated capacity (with a COVID Safe Plan);
- Dancing: Dancing is allowed in all indoor and outdoor venues including outdoor music festivals, pubs, beer gardens, clubs and nightclubs, subject to the one person per 2m<sup>2</sup> rule.

Sundale will continue to work with Queensland Health and make responsible, considered decisions to protect the health and wellbeing of its residents to help minimise the threat of COVID-19 entering a Sundale Retirement Community.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Mackenzie - Sundale CEO