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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) update

As a valued Sundale team member, I wanted to provide you with an update and outline Sundale's current approach to managing the COVID-19 situation.

COVID -19 VACCINATIONS

From 17 May 2021, Sundale team members based on the Sunshine Coast can receive the COVID-19 vaccine at either the Sunshine Coast University Hospital or Nambour General Hospital.

Bookings are essential. Please refer to the attached Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service update for more information, which includes a QR code, allowing Sundale team members to register their interest to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Team members aged 49 years and below will be offered the Pfizer vaccine;
- Team members aged 50 years and above will be offered the AstraZeneca vaccine.

VACCINE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS

Information is available for aged care workers to help make an informed decision about COVID-19 vaccination.

Team members may choose to talk to a health professional about the benefits and risks of vaccination. This will help to decide if vaccination is suitable.

All vaccines used in Australia must be approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). The TGA assesses the safety, quality and effectiveness of vaccines before they are registered for use.

[Learn more about the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.](#)

GETTING VACCINATED IS IMPORTANT

COVID-19 is a very contagious virus that can cause serious respiratory infection, particularly in older people.

Immunisation is a safe and effective way to help protect people from serious disease caused by the COVID-19 virus.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccination is voluntary, but strongly encouraged.

[Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines.](#)

CONTACT TRACING – COVID-19

Active contact tracing alerts

Queensland has current contact tracing alerts and related public health advice for people who have been in:

- The [Brisbane Airport - International terminal, Queensland](#) on 29 April 2021
- The [Greater Sydney region of New South Wales](#) on or since 30 April 2021
- The [Melbourne Airport, Victoria](#) on 21 April 2021
- The [Perth and Peel regions of Western Australia](#) on or since 17 April 2021
- [New Zealand](#) on or since 17 April 2021

Team members who have been to any of the [listed](#) locations at the relevant times must contact their direct manager immediately, regardless of whether they have symptoms.

Queensland locations

Isolate and test contacts – quarantine immediately and get tested on or after the fifth day after being at the location

If you have been to any of the [listed](#) locations at the relevant times you must:

- [quarantine at home](#) immediately;
- [get tested](#) on or after the fifth day after being at the location listed below and continue to quarantine until you receive a negative result;
- complete the [contact tracing self-assessment](#). This information would allow Queensland Health to contact you if required;
- watch for [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and [get tested](#) if you feel unwell.

Casual contacts – monitor for symptoms

If you have been to any of the [listed](#) locations at the relevant times you should:

- monitor for [COVID-19 symptoms](#);
- If any symptoms occur, [get tested](#) and quarantine at home until you receive a negative result.

Interstate exposure venues – quarantine at home and wait for advice

An interstate exposure venue is identified by another state, territory or Queensland safe travel zone country. This is a place where a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 has been.

New South Wales exposure venues

If you have been to any of the below interstate venues at the specified time and date you should:

- immediately travel by private transport directly to your home or accommodation and quarantine
- [get tested](#) at your earliest opportunity
- complete the online [contact tracing self-assessment](#). If you are unable to complete the online contact tracing self-assessment, please call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Please check the [NSW Government website](#) for the most current list of exposure sites.

Victoria exposure venues

If you have been to any of the [listed](#) interstate exposure venues at the relevant times you must:

- call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
- immediately travel by private transport directly to your home or accommodation and quarantine until you receive instructions from Queensland Health
- complete the [contact tracing self-assessment](#). If you are unable to complete the online contact tracing self-assessment, please call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Please check the [Victoria Government website](#) for the most current list of exposure sites.

Western Australia exposure venues

If you have been to any of the [listed](#) interstate exposure venues at the relevant times you must:

- call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
- immediately travel by private transport directly to your home or accommodation and quarantine until you receive instructions from Queensland Health
- complete the [contact tracing self-assessment](#). If you are unable to complete the online contact tracing self-assessment, please call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Please check the [WA Government website](#) for the most current list of exposure sites.

New Zealand exposure venues

If you have been to any of the [listed](#) interstate exposure venues at the relevant times you must:

- call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
- immediately travel by private transport directly to your home or accommodation and quarantine until you receive instructions from Queensland Health
- complete the [contact tracing self-assessment](#). If you are unable to complete the online contact tracing self-assessment, please call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Please check the [New Zealand Government website](#) for the most current list of exposure sites.

Historic venue information

The [listed](#) locations were visited by a person who had COVID-19 more than 14 days ago. These venues are part of an active cluster investigation.

If you have been to any of the locations at the relevant times you should:

- if you have COVID-19 symptoms [get tested](#) immediately and [quarantine at home](#) until you receive a negative result
- if you have been unwell after visiting one of these venues, see your GP
- continue to monitor for [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and [get tested](#) if you feel unwell.

AGED CARE DIRECTION (NO.28)

All Sundale facilities are classified as non-restricted residential aged care facilities in line with [Aged Care Direction \(No.28\)](#).

PART 1 – REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES

9. A person must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a residential aged care facility in the State of Queensland if:

- a. during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry, the person who is an international arrival arrived in Australia from a place outside Australia; or
- b. during the 14 days immediately preceding the entry, or since the start date identified for the COVID-19 hotspot, whichever is shorter, the person has been in a place which at the time of entry is a COVID-19 hotspot; or
- c. the person has been to an interstate exposure venue, unless 14 days have passed since the person was at the interstate exposure venue;
- d. the person has been informed they are a close contact of a diagnosed person, unless their quarantine period has ended; or

Note: Close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 under paragraph 9(d) does not include contact that occurs when a residential aged care worker or healthcare worker or practitioner providing health or medical care has been wearing appropriate PPE in accordance with Queensland Health's Residential Aged Care Facility and Disability Accommodation PPE Guidance and has followed recommended infection control precautions.

- e. the person has a temperature equal to or higher than 37.5 degrees or symptoms consistent with COVID-19; or
- f. the person has been tested for COVID-19 and has not yet received the results of that test; or
- g. after 30 May 2021, the person does not have an up-to-date vaccination against influenza, if the vaccination is available to that person.

Note: the vaccination is not available to a person only if:

- the person has a medical contraindication to the influenza vaccine; or
- the person is observing the recommended waiting period between receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and the influenza vaccine.

20. Despite paragraphs 9(a), 9(b) and 9(c) a person may enter, or remain on, the premises of a residential aged care facility, with the permission of the operator of the facility, if:

- a. the person's presence at the premises is for the purpose of an end of life visit for a resident of the residential aged care facility; and
- b. the person has been granted an exemption by the Chief Health Officer, Deputy Chief Health Officer or delegate for an end of life visit under a Public Health Direction.

Sundale will continue to work with Queensland Health and make responsible, considered decisions to help minimise the threat of COVID-19 entering Sundale.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DM', is positioned above the typed name.

Danielle Mackenzie
Sundale CEO