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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.

SEQ LOCKDOWN

As per the Queensland Government Directive, from 6pm tonight (Tuesday, 29 June 2021) South East Queensland (SEQ), Townsville, Palm Island and Magnetic Island will enter a three-day lockdown.

There are four reasons to leave home in a lockdown zone:

- Essential education / work
- Essential shopping
- Healthcare / vaccination / provide care
- Exercise outdoors

In line with the [Residential Aged Care Direction](#), Sundale's Care Centres are now classified as Restricted Residential Aged Care Facilities.

PART 3 - RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES

Person Permitted to Enter A Restricted Residential Aged Care Facility

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

- a. the person is an employee, contractor or student of the restricted residential aged care facility; or
- b. the person's presence at the premises is for the purposes of providing goods or services that are necessary for the effective operation of the restricted residential aged care facility, whether the goods are provided for consideration or on a voluntary basis; or
- c. the person's presence at the premises is for the purposes of providing health, medical, personal care (such as hairdressing), pathology or pharmaceutical services to a resident of the restricted residential aged care facility, whether the goods or services are provided for consideration or on a voluntary basis;
- d. the person's presence at the premises is for the purposes of end-of-life visit for a resident of the restricted residential aged care facility; or

Note – Paragraphs 23 to 25 require persons coming from overseas or COVID-19 hotspots to obtain an exemption before attending a residential aged care facility for an end-of-life visit.

- e. the person's presence at the premises is required for the purposes of emergency management, law enforcement or the exercise of a power or function of a government agency or entity under a law; or
- f. the person's presence at the premises is in the person's capacity as a prospective resident of the restricted residential aged care facility or as a support person of a prospective resident of the restricted residential aged care facility; or
- g. the operator of a residential aged care facility has granted permission for the person to enter a restricted residential aged care facility for the purposes of maintaining continuity of care for a resident that cannot be delivered by electronic or non-contact means.

Example: A resident may require support from their primary care giver to eat their meals.

33. A person may not visit a resident in a restricted residential aged care facility other than in accordance with paragraph 32(d) above.

Note – personal visits are not permitted in a restricted residential aged care facility.

34. Despite paragraph 33, a person must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a restricted residential aged care facility unless in accordance with Part 1 of this Direction.

Residents

35. The operator of a restricted residential aged care facility must not permit a resident, excluding an end-of-life resident, to leave the facility except:

- a. to receive or access health care; or
- b. to attend a funeral; or
- c. in the case of emergency or on any other compassionate grounds.

Wearing of Face Masks

36. Any person (other than a resident) must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a restricted residential aged care facility without wearing a single use surgical face mask.

Note – a person who does not, or is unable to wear a face mask, must not enter a restricted residential aged care facility.

Workforce Management and Personal Protective Equipment

40. A person providing direct care to a resident, including providing health, medical, personal care, pathology or pharmaceutical services to residents in a restricted residential aged care facility, must wear appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with Queensland Health's Residential Aged Care Facility and Disability Accommodation PPE Guidance.

CONTACT TRACING

Sundale team members are being reminded to check the [Queensland Health](#) website prior to any shift for the latest COVID-19 information, including current contact tracing alerts and related public health advice.

Sundale team members who have been to any of the [listed](#) exposure venues at the relevant times, must follow the health advice and notify their manager immediately, prior to entering any Sundale facility or building.

COVID-19 VACCINE

Sundale is seeking additional information from the relevant authorities in relation to the National Cabinet's agreement to make it mandatory for all aged care workers to have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by September 2021.

Sundale will update all team members regarding next steps as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely,



Danielle Mackenzie
Sundale CEO