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# COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) update

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

#### **FASING OF RESTRICTIONS**

In line with Residential Aged Care Direction (No.3), Sundale has made the considered decision to ease restrictions at Bindaree Care Centre.

## **Visitors**

27. A person may enter a non-restricted residential aged care facility under this Part unless the person is prohibited from entering the residential aged care facility under paragraph 10.

Examples – A relative, friend, medical practitioner, hairdresser or attorney

- 28. There is no limit under this Public Health Direction on the number of visitors at a non-restricted residential aged care facility.
- 29. If a person is attending a non-restricted residential aged care facility to visit a resident, they must, to the extent reasonably practicable:
  - a. practise physical distancing; and
  - b. limit their contact with other persons at the facility.

#### Residents

The operator of a non-restricted residential aged care facility may permit a resident to leave the facility for any purpose.

Note – Residents who form part of a familial group (for example, couples, siblings) or close friends should be permitted to leave the facility together. A resident who leaves a residential aged care facility must comply with other public health directions. For example, the Movement and Gathering Direction (No. 9) and its successors place restrictions on the number of people who may gather outdoors or at residences.

### **MASKS**

Despite the easing of restrictions, any person (other than a resident) must not enter, or remain on, the premises of a Sundale 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, will not be permitted entry to a

Sundale residential aged care facility.

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,

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