

28 June 2021

Dear resident/ family member/ representative

RE: NEWCASTLE FACILITY VOLUNTARY LOCKDOWN

During the past weekend, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian announced that Greater Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour are in **lockdown until 11.59 pm on Friday, July 9.**

Under the new restrictions, effective from **6:00 pm Saturday 26 June 2021**, people from these areas can only leave home for the following four reasons:

- Shopping for food or other essential goods and services
- Medical care or compassionate needs (including getting a COVID-19 vaccine)
- Exercise outdoors in groups of 10 or fewer
- Essential work, or education, where you cannot work or study from home

Given the rise of cases in many parts of NSW, Froniditha Care will commence **voluntary lockdown** at its Newcastle facility as of **6 pm, Monday 28 June, 2021.** This measure has been taken to limit the risk of COVID-19 infections to our residents and staff. Regrettably, this means that no visitors will be allowed on the premises.

Visitors will **ONLY** be permitted for end-of-life reasons or assessed in exceptional circumstances and agreed to, on a case by case, basis at the Manager's discretion. If you would like to seek an exemption, please liaise directly with the Newcastle facility Manager.

I understand that this decision means that you will not be able to visit your loved ones. Please do not forget that you can utilise digital communication tools to stay connected.

To arrange a virtual visit or for more information about this voluntary lockdown, please contact Garrison Brassington, Manager of Residential Care, on (02) 4016 4160.

I thank you in advance for your working with us to safeguard the safety of all residents and staff.

As always, we are closely monitoring this situation, and we will provide updates as soon as any changes are announced regarding the current restrictions. In the meantime, stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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