



5 August 2021

Dear resident/ family member/ representative,
RE: HUNTER VALLEY IN SNAP LOCKDOWN

Earlier today, NSW's Premier Gladys Berejiklian announced that the state's Hunter and Upper Hunter regions will enter a snap lockdown from **5:00 pm, Thursday, 5 August 2021**, following confirmation of several local COVID-19 cases.

The affected local government areas are Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens, Cessnock, Dungog, Singleton and Muswellbrook, and the lockdown is expected to continue until **11:59 pm, Thursday, 12 August 2021**.

All residents from the areas above must stay at home, unless:

- Shopping for food or other essential goods and services (one person per household, per day)
- Medical care or compassionate needs (including getting a COVID-19 vaccine)
- Exercise outdoors with only one person, not from your household
- Essential work, or education, where you cannot work or study from home.

As you are aware, Froniditha Care's Newcastle Facility is currently in hard lockdown due to a respiratory outbreak. The facility will remain in hard lockdown until it's cleared. After that, it will follow the NSW's government advice regarding restrictions in Aged Care facilities to limit the risk of COVID-19 to the residents and staff. Consequently, we will not allow visitors into the facility until further notice.

Visitors will ONLY be permitted for end-of-life reasons or assessed on in exceptional circumstances agreed to, on a case by case basis at the Manager's discretion. We will review the conditions closer to the day and notify you whether the lockdown will be extended.

Please do not forget that you can utilise digital communication tools to stay connected.

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

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, I thank you for your understanding - stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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