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Dear Residents, Representatives and Staff.

Wheatfields Board and Staff are doing everything in their power to protect the residents, representative and staff from coronavirus.

The Prime Minister Scott Morrison released some guidelines for Aged Care today.

Wheatfields have implemented the following strategies in line with the recommendations and some for extra precautionary measures.

For the Residents:

1. 1-2 visitors (if they are not sick) only permitted to the facility for short visits of 15 minute in the resident's room or in the garden.
2. No children under 16 are to be permitted.
3. Ensure 1.5 metres social distancing is adhered to, please use hand sanitiser and wash your hands at the wash station around the facility.
4. There will be no group lifestyle activities for the foreseeable future.
5. Wheatfields has implemented wing isolation. This means resident can move freely around their wing but not into other wings.
6. The bain marie service has been ceased and meals will be delivered by tray service. Staff will ask your preference on the day.
7. You may go to the dining room however residents will need you to sit 1.5 metres from each other.
8. All physiotherapy treatments have been ceased.
9. All spa and hairdressing treatments have been ceased.
10. We are recommending that residents do not leave the facility at this time (unless for medical reasons).
11. Doctors will still visit the facility.
- 12. If you (Resident) are feeling unwell or have any concerns please notify staff.**

For Representatives and Visitors

1. If you (Representatives and Visitors) are unwell or have a fever **do not enter** the facility.
2. If you have been overseas or had contact with anyone who has been overseas in the last 14 days **do not enter** the facility.

3. If you have been in contact with anyone who has or is being tested for coronavirus please **do not enter** the facility.
4. Visiting hours will be during business hours **9am to 5pm Monday to Friday** 1-2 visitors only permitted to the facility for short visits of 15 minutes in the resident's room or in the garden.
5. Ensure you are keeping 1.5 metres away from the resident to maintain social distancing.
6. Please use hand sanitiser and wash your hands at the wash stations around the facility.
7. In the event we need to contact you could you please sign in and provide your contact details (if your details are on record this is not necessary).
8. Please sign out of the facility when you leave.
9. **No children** under the age of 16 will be permitted to the facility
10. We can facilitate Skype calls to our Residents. This will be able to be conducted between **10 am and 6pm** just ring and ask for Lifestyle.

For Staff

1. Staff are required to meet the following commitments:
2. Participate in any required screening activities
3. Not attend work if they are unwell or have flu like symptoms and if so, seek medical advice.
4. If a staff member has been overseas they will need to self-isolate for 14 days.
5. Advise Wheatfields immediately if they have been exposed to a suspected COVID-19 member of the community and/or if they have been tested and the result.
6. Comply with the directions provided by any medical officer, the Health Department Public Health Unit and the organisation.
7. After the 14 day period of isolation is observed and staff remains completely well and symptom free they can return to work.
8. Staff who suspects they may have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, follow the medical and self-isolation advice until the doctor or the public health unit advises they longer need to be in isolation. A confirmation note from the doctor or public health unit is required for return to work.
9. Staff will not be able to enter an aged care facility unless theyt have been vaccinated with the 2020 Flu vaccination from the 1st May.

If you would like any further information

Thank you for your expected following of the above strategies to keep us all safe.

I will continue keep you updated to any changes.



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