



Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

General Communication

Dear Residents, representatives and staff,

For all Victorian residential aged care facilities the following requirements apply from 6pm, Tuesday 25 May 2021:

Enhanced visitor restrictions

End of life care visits

- Two visitors at a time
- Do not have to be from the same household.
- No time limits.
- No specified purpose required.
- No daily limit.
- A group may exceed the "two visitors at a time" rule if dependents of a visitor are in the group and care for the dependents cannot be arranged.

All other visits

- Two visitors at one time
- Do not have to be from the same household
- No time limits.
- No specified purpose required.
- No more than five visitors per day, including dependents.
- A group may exceed the "two visitors at a time" rule if dependents of a visitor (or patient in hospital) are in the group and care for the dependents cannot be arranged.

Prospective residents

- Visits from prospective residents are permitted with no more than one person accompanying the prospective resident.



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Enhanced face mask requirements

- All visitors are required to wear face masks when in an indoor space or in any outdoor space when a visitor cannot maintain 1.5m distance from all other persons (except those with whom they ordinarily reside or an intimate partner).
- All workers (including non-essential staff and contractors) are required to wear face masks when in any indoor space (regardless of whether accessible to visitors or residents) and in any outdoor space where the worker is engaged in face-to-face contact with a resident or visitor.

Other measures

- Enhanced screening and testing on admission or return to facility from leave residents found to have visited listed exposure sites – [linked here](#) -to be tested and managed as at risk COVID-19 until results known.
- Enhanced focus on screening visitors and staff (including non-essential staff and contractors) and continuing daily workforce attestations.
- Restricting visitors and staff (including non-essential staff and contractors) found to have visited exposure sites until they have returned a negative test result.
- Tier 2 and 3 PPE for low risk suspected COVID-19 (tier 2) and high-risk suspected COVID-19 residents (tier 3) as per PPE guidance Coronavirus (COVID-19) PPE guidance for RACF Factsheet [linked here](#).
- Where practicable, care facility workers should be limited to working at one facility.
- Student clinical placements permitted in all settings but restricted from providing care/being exposed to high-risk COVID and confirmed COVID patients.

It is anticipated geographic locations and exposure sites will be updated in coming days. Please monitor the [department's coronavirus website](#) for the latest information

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