



MEDIA STATEMENT

Second Employee of Storm Village, Taree, tests positive for COVID-19

NSW Health have yesterday (07.04.20) advised Anglican Care a second employee from Storm Village in Taree, has tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Both employees who have tested positive are well and recovering at home.

As at this point in time, no resident at Storm Village or any of Anglican Care's other facilities, has tested positive for COVID-19.

NSW Health has previously advised the community of the existence of a cluster of COVID-19 cases in Taree (with an unknown source) that are being investigated.

Anglican Care continues to act in accordance with the Commonwealth Department of Health 'Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreaks in Residential Care Facilities' Guidelines together with advice from NSW Health.

Anglican Care is strictly following this expert advice. Daily verifications of infection control compliance continue to be in place. Anglican Care will continue to assess individual residents multiple times daily for signs and symptoms of the virus and all employees will continue to be screened prior to commencing their shift.

Only one resident has been identified as being in close contact with a confirmed case. The resident remains in isolation with no signs or symptoms of the virus. Population Health are still conducting contact tracing for the second case and we will follow their expert guidance regarding any further quarantine or testing required.

CEO of Anglican Care, Colin Osborne, is at pains to reassure the community everything is being done to protect our most vulnerable.

"We know that we are at the front line of this pandemic. We are responsible for the lives of many older Australian's who are vulnerable to this virus and we are taking each and every measure possible to protect them as COVID-19 continues to rise in the community. None of us know exactly what is to come next with this pandemic situation, but I can assure you, the safety and health of our residents, staff and the wider community, remains our priority," he said.

"Anglican Care has been diligent in implementing risk management plans to protect our vulnerable residents including the use of personal protective equipment in line with Department of Health recommendations for consumers with signs and symptoms of the virus or who have been in close contact with a known case of COVID-19. We are continuing to educate all of our staff to ensure a heightened awareness of infection control practices."

Anglican Care is grateful for the support and assistance from our residents, families, staff and, in particular, from NSW Health. The health and safety of our residents and employees remains our highest priority and we ask that the privacy of our employees and the facility be respected at this time.

**Statement Released:
08.04.2020**

Timeframe:

Monday, 30 March @3.30pm - The Board and Management of Anglican Care took the preventative step to stop all general visitors from entering our residential aged care homes.

Thursday 2nd April, 2020 - Anglican Care advised employee of Storm Village, in Taree, has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Tuesday 7th April, 2020 – Anglican Care advised second employee at Storm Village has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus).