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Anglican Care Advice to Consumers, Families & Friends – COVID-19 Update

Dear Consumer, families and friends,

There has been a new cluster of COVID-19 in the Northern Beaches in Sydney. This emergence of a rapidly moving cluster is a very timely reminder to us all that we must not be complacent. The increased movement of the community throughout the Christmas and holiday period will result in increased risk of transmission of the virus throughout NSW. It is extremely important that we all adhere to the government guidelines and recommendations.

In order to minimise the risk of outbreaks in our services, visitors who reside in, or have visited in the last 14 days an area of increased testing will not be permitted entry into our residential facilities. The current areas of increased testing are:

- Northern Beaches Local Government Area
- Penrith Local Government Area

The locations are likely to change if this cluster continues to develop into other areas. To avoid disappointment, please ensure you check the NSW Health website prior to visiting to ensure there has been no changes to the advice. The information on areas with increased testing can be found by visiting: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#areas-with-increased-testing>. If you are travelling long distances and are unsure of the areas of increased testing, please contact the facility prior to your visit.

Currently, there are no other changes to our visitation. Masks are an important strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. All visitors must wear a mask throughout the visit. Please do not remove the mask or place it under your chin while you are visiting. Hand hygiene is required to be performed on entry to the facility. Visitors should remain in the consumer's room unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Residential Care Manager. If you are unwell with even the mildest symptoms of COVID-19, please attend a testing location and isolate at home until a negative result has been received.

We will continue to keep you updated as circumstances change. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Residential Care Manager or Kate McEwan (Infection Prevention Coordinator) via email katemcewan@anglicancare.com.au.

Wishing everyone a happy, peaceful and safe festive season.

Kind regards,



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