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Dear Hall & Prior resident family members,

Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our residents and staff.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support during our outbreaks and for your patience and understanding with visitor restrictions during this COVID-19 pandemic.

While COVID is still a threat to our Homes and our staff, it is very pleasing to see the number of active cases in Western Australia decrease, meaning we can start to return to a little bit of normality.

In line with recent easing of visitor restrictions in WA hospitals and other settings, we are pleased to advise that visitors to our Homes will no longer be required to complete a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) prior to entry; this is effective immediately. However, we are aware that some visitors may wish to continue to undertake a regular RAT. Visitors who choose to do so will still be able to use a RAT provided by the Home.

It is still a mandatory requirement that all visitors have a current Influenza vaccination and at least two COVID vaccinations.

Our staff continue to undergo a RAT prior to every shift.

Mandatory RAT testing for visitors may be reintroduced on a limited-term basis if a Home is experiencing an outbreak. You will be notified if this is the case.

Staff and visitors are still required to wear a mask while in the Home. We will continue to provide surgical masks on arrival. Should you wish to wear a P2/N95 mask, please request one from a member of staff.

Visitor numbers remain restricted in accordance with WA Health directions. Visits should be limited to two visitors per resident at any one time. However, residents may welcome more than one group of visitors per day, provided their visiting times do not overlap. Larger groups of visitors may be possible in exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the Director of Nursing/Executive Manager.

Please do not hesitate to speak to the Registered Nurse on duty if you have any concerns.

We are all in this together against COVID-19.

Yours truly

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