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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.

Hall & Prior is very proud of our efforts in managing COVID-19 to date and it is due to not only our dedicated and amazing staff but to our families and visitors who have supported us through this very uncertain and challenging time.

Our journey through COVID-19 is still not over and we kindly ask for your patience and understanding while we still have some restrictions to residential aged care homes.

From Friday, 14 October, it will no longer be mandatory for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 to self-isolate, as agreed at National Cabinet. However, the advice from NSW Health is that COVID-19 positive visitors will still be excluded from residential aged care facilities for 10 days. Hall & Prior will continue to do the following :

- exclude any visitors (other than a resident) who has tested positive for COVID-19 from our Homes for 10 days after their positive test.
- exclude visitors who are close contacts from our facilities for at least 7 days.
- exclude visitors who are waiting for a COVID-19 test result
- ask any resident who tests positive for COVID-19 to isolate (as much as possible) for 7 days and will implement additional PPE and other precautions when working with positive residents.

All staff, contractors and visitors must wear a **surgical mask** (if you prefer a P2/N95 we have these available) while in the Home. This includes when you are outdoors but within the facility grounds. P2/N95 masks are still mandatory if a Home is in outbreak.

All visitors are required to conduct a Rapid Antigen Test on arrival.

We strongly encourage all visitors to have a 2022 influenza vaccination and to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and to receive their booster doses when they are due.

Further advice from NSW Health can be found using the following link [Advice to residential aged care facilities \(RACFs\) - COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health-and-care-services/news/all-news/show-item/2022-10-13-advice-to-residential-aged-care-facilities-racfs-covid-19-coronavirus).

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding. Please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Nursing or RN on duty if you have any questions.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme R." with a stylized flourish at the end.

GRAEME PRIOR
Chief Executive Officer