



Vacenti Update on Coronavirus - COVID-19 - Update no 16
Information as at Friday 26th June 2020

Good afternoon

We thought we would follow up last week's email with a reminder on visiting restrictions and requirements and some other general information.

Visiting Hours

This Saturday (27st June) all Vacenti homes will be open for visits during normal hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm. Residents may have an unlimited number of visits in a day, but no more than 2 people at a time. There is no longer a 2 hour limit on visits.

Sunday and after hour visits will continue to be by appointment only.

We respectfully ask visiting families to:

- Not visit if you are feeling ill, have a temperature greater than 37.5C or visited a declared COVID 19 hotspot;
- Keep your visit to the resident's rooms or outdoor areas. Visits cannot be undertaken in communal areas.
- Follow the directions of staff.

Taking residents off site

Residents are now permitted to leave the facility for exercise, small family gatherings, accessing health care, attending a funeral or visiting another aged care facility. Both the Commonwealth and Qld Departments of Health now require us to undertake a proactive risk assessment on each outing before residents leave the site and on return. What we need to know is:

1. the location of the outing, but only to determine if it is in a known COVID hotspot;
2. the type of venue you are going to;
3. the size of the gathering;

and discuss any additional precautions that you may need to take.

We ask all residents and families to complete the Resident Leave Register at reception, both on exiting and return to assist us in our risk assessment and surveillance protocols. We ask you strongly consider your choices and exercise social distancing.

Sign In and Temperature Testing

During the week we finalised installation of our temperature testing apparatus. This apparatus will assist both you, and Vacenti, in highlighting if you are over 37.5C. We will continue to fine tune the testing equipment and also its integration with the sign in application.

Some families have raised concerns about the details being taken, including photographs, at sign in. Under our Privacy Policy access to this information is controlled by password available to only authorised personnel. No information is distributed to any third party providers, residents or

families. Photos are a part of the program purchased and assist us to identify people in an emergency.

Children and Flu vaccination

Aged Care direction No. 6 still requires that, after 1 May 2020, a person must not enter a residential aged care facility if they do not have a 2020 vaccination against influenza, if the vaccination is available to the person. This requirement also applies to children under 16 years of age. The Australian Immunisation Handbook excludes children under 6 months of age to be vaccinated, therefore children under 6 months are able to visit without a vaccination against influenza.

Children with any signs of colds, flu, or runny nose will not be allowed entry.

Qld Chief Health Officer – Aged Care Direction No 6

Last week we advised that the Qld Chief Health Officer released [Aged Care Direction No 6](#), effective Wednesday 17th June.

For those on school holidays, we hope you have a wonderful time.