



## **Vacenti Update on Coronavirus - COVID-19 - Update no 27 – Public Holiday Visitation Information as at Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

Good afternoon

### **Visitation Times for this weekend – Public Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Next Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> October is a public holiday. Visitation to Vacenti homes over this long weekend is as follows:

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Open for family visits 8:30am to 4:30pm
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Closed for general visits. Visitation is by appointment only.
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Closed for general visits. Visitation is by appointment only.

### **Taking residents off site**

Under Aged Care Direction No 10, residents are now permitted to leave the facility, including:-

- *to receive or access health care,*
- *to attend small family gatherings,*
- *to undertake exercise,*
- *to receive end of life or palliative care, or*
- *to attend a funeral.*

Residents who form part of a familial group (for example, couples, siblings) or close friends are permitted to leave the facility together.

Vacenti agrees that mental health of our residents is almost as important as staying COVID free. Vacenti endorses small private outings for your loved one for emotional support.

We urge residents and families to strongly consider the reason, and what public exposure is involved when you go off site. Indoor public areas such as shopping centres, food halls, gaming areas are a much higher risk than small outdoor, well-spaced and low contact areas. Indoor public areas such as shopping centres, food halls, gaming areas do not meet the intent of Aged Care Direction No 10. Vacenti has no control over the level of infection control undertaken in very public areas. We ask you take heed of suggestions and advice given by our staff as to proposed outings. Our staff have a responsibility to protect the whole resident community as well as the welfare of each individual.

We require 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. Sign out is particularly important for contact tracing. Be very vigilant about social distancing and personal hygiene whilst you are off site.

### **Qld State Government Elections**

A reminder that the Qld State Government Elections will be held Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2020. Whilst we have not received advice from the Electoral Commission about their visiting our homes to enable voting, we believe it is unlikely based on earlier experiences relating to COVID. Should residents wish to vote then we suggest they, or their families apply for a Postal Vote through the [Electoral Commission website](#).

Should a resident wish to withdraw from voting then they, or the designated EPOA, can complete an “[Objection Claim that an Elector Should Not Be Enrolled](#)” form available on the Australian Electoral Commission website.

