

Wednesday 23rd December, 2020

Dear friends,

COVID-19 visitor restrictions update

This letter follows my letter dated 21 December 2020 which notified you about temporary visitor restrictions in response to the Northern Beaches outbreak. I am pleased to announce that effective immediately the visitor lockout imposed on Harbison by NSW Health on 21 December 2020 has been lifted.

Until 23:59 on Wednesday 30 December 2020 the following visitor restrictions apply:

- **Visitors from the Northern Beaches local government area are excluded** (Allambie Heights, Avalon Beach, Balgowlah, Balgowlah Heights, Bayview, Beacon Hill, Belrose, Bilgola Beach, Bilgola Plateau, Brookvale, Church Point, Clareville, Clontarf, Coasters Retreat, Collaroy, Collaroy Plateau, Cottage Point, Cromer, Curl Curl, Currawong Beach, Davidson, Dee Why, Duffys Forest, Elanora Heights, Elvina Bay, Fairlight, Forestville, Frenchs Forest, Freshwater, Great Mackerel Beach, Ingleside, Killarney Heights, Ku-ring-gai Chase, Lovett Bay, Manly, Manly Vale, McCarrs Creek, Mona Vale, Morning Bay, Narrabeen, Narrabeena, Newport, North Balgowlah, North Curl Curl, North Manly, North Narrabeen, Oxford Falls, Palm Beach, Pittwater, Queenscliff, Scotland Island, Seaforth, Terrey Hills, Warriewood, Whale Beach and Wheeler Heights).
- **A limit of two people per resident per day applies** to visitors from Greater Sydney (Blacktown City, Blue Mountains City, Camden Council, Campbelltown City, the City of Canterbury Bankstown, Cumberland Council, Fairfield City, Hawkesbury City, Liverpool City, the City of Parramatta, Penrith City, The Hills Shire and Wollondilly Shire), including [Wollongong](#) and [Central Coast](#) local government areas.
- Any person, including employees and volunteers, who has been in the locations on the '[self-isolate and get tested immediately](#)' or '[monitor for symptoms](#)' lists published by NSW Health at the dates and times specified is excluded.
- Any person who meets any of the following criteria is excluded:
 - has a temperature of 37.5°C or higher or signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (which now includes acute blocked nose congestion), or
 - is a close contact of a person with confirmed COVID-19 and is within their self-isolation period, or
 - lives in a household with a person who has been identified as a close contact of a person with confirmed COVID-19.

- Visits must be closely supervised by staff and may be limited in duration to provide everyone with a fair chance for a visit. Staff will give you a 30-minute warning if we require you to conclude your visit to allow other visitors into the building. Please be prepared for delays as we process visitors through the screening process.

At the request of NSW Health, we encourage you to defer visits as much as possible to allow us to prioritise visitors for whom time is of the essence e.g., end-of-life.

Visitors with approved visitor status may resume visits in accordance with the rules of the scheme provided they are not excluded or limited for one of the reasons set out above. Other visitors must check in between 9:30-10:30am or 1:30-3:30pm as per my letter dated 16 December 2020. Photo ID will be required for screening purposes.

Small family gatherings that have been approved for 24-30 December 2020 inclusive may proceed provided that the host undertakes to exclude anyone from the areas set out above, including limiting the number of people from Greater Sydney, Wollongong, or Central Coast local government areas to a maximum of two people per gathering. Small family gatherings that breach these requirements will result in a 14-day isolation for the returning resident.

Everyone should note the advice from NSW Health that current gathering limits may be too high for gatherings which include people over 70 years of age. We are all expected to make our own assessments and make sensible decisions to keep risks at gatherings under control.

Staff are expected to ensure they avoid unnecessary travel and gatherings, and to risk assess their decisions during the festive period.

In announcing these changes this morning Premier Berejiklian described the changes as 'modest' and urged everyone to exercise restraint. We are fortunate to have no active cases of COVID-19 in our area, but that situation can change quickly, as we were reminded as recently as November with the Moss Vale cases.

Because the latest restrictions expire at 23:59 on 30 December 2020 we expect that new rules will apply for New Years Eve. We remind you that the situation can change very quickly. As always, we will try to keep you informed as soon as changes occur.

Thank you for your patience over the past two days. The case numbers are encouraging, and the contact tracing system appears to be working well. While we would prefer a restriction-free Christmas, in fact the situation remains serious and could easily deteriorate in the next two weeks if people do not follow the health advice over the Christmas-New Year period. In the hope that I do not need to write to you again before Friday I take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to a kinder new year.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer