

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear friends,

This letter follows my letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and includes an URGENT update about a potential COVID-19 cluster in the Greater Sydney area. As usual, it is being widely distributed to our residents and their representatives, our workforce, our company members, our local general practices, and the wider Southern Highlands community.

### **Visitor restrictions & surgical masks**

We have staff and visitors who travel from the Greater Sydney area to Harbison each day. Based on new advice from NSW Health, until further notice all staff and visitors are required to wear a surgical mask at Harbison.

Effective immediately there is a limit of two visitors per resident per day, and visitors from Greater Sydney should contact us to obtain permission before they visit.

Further to yesterday's letter, it is now a requirement to have a current influenza vaccination from 1 June 2021 as a condition of entry to any NSW residential aged care facility. There will not be an option to simply wear a surgical mask if you are not vaccinated.

The potential Sydney cluster should be seen as a wake-up call, even if it does not spread. Prevention is everything and having everyone vaccinated against COVID-19 is the best way to respond to this preventable risk. In the meantime, please practice social distancing, hand and cough hygiene, and isolate and get tested if you have any COVID-19 signs or symptoms regardless of your COVID-19 immunisation status.

To stay up to date please monitor the information available from NSW Health using this link <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/racf-latest-advice.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Cochran".

David Cochran  
**Chief Executive Officer**