

Monday 10th May 2021

Dear friends,

This letter follows my letter dated 6th May 2021 and includes an update about the 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, influenza vaccinations, & surgical masks - updated

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the visitor restrictions on Mother's Day, but infection prevention and control takes priority every day. The restrictions have been extended by the NSW Government because the source of the Sydney infection is still unknown and testing rates are relatively low.

Some visitors have challenged the requirement to wear surgical masks, preferring to wear a cloth mask. The public health advice is specific and wearing a surgical mask is currently a condition of entry to Harbison. This is because cloth masks are not effective. If you refuse to wear a surgical mask you will be refused entry.

As previously announced, NSW Health require us to exclude anyone from being on our premises if they do not have a 2021 influenza vaccination. This rule is effective from 1 June 2021 and applies to everyone except residents. If you are a member of our workforce and have not received your influenza or COVID-19 vaccinations, you should prioritise your influenza vaccination now to ensure you are compliant. If you are a visitor, please plan your influenza vaccination and provide proof of vaccination to staff when you visit. We keep proof of vaccination on file.

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