



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021

Dear Friends

**COVID-19 Alert – Harbison Moss Vale**

We are investigating a possible case of COVID-19 linked to contractors who worked at our Moss Vale home this week. Rapid antigen testing by Harbison returned positive results, which are now being confirmed by more accurate PCR tests. We hope to know those results tomorrow.

As a precaution, we have locked down the home and residents are confined to their rooms where possible. Staff are minimising their movements and have donned full PPE. Unvaccinated staff have been stood down pending resolution of the situation. Additional cleaning is underway.

We have directed all staff who have worked since Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Moss Vale, and any staff who share their households, to have a PCR test immediately and provide evidence of their test before they commence their next shift. Staff on site are being tested at work.

We are monitoring residents and staff for signs or symptoms, but currently there is no clinical indication of an outbreak. We have informed the public health authorities. Our focus until we have confirmation from laboratory tests is to minimise the chance of transmission and attempt to detect any infection as early as possible.

Harbison Moss Vale is closed to all visitors until further notice.

We will contact families immediately if any resident becomes unwell, with COVID-19 or otherwise. If you do not hear from us, please be patient and know that we are focused on residents-first.

Rapid antigen testing is not as accurate as PCR tests but has the advantage of results in minutes, not hours or days. Until we have the results of the PCR tests we are simply investigating and taking all reasonable steps to minimise the risk. I will provide an update tomorrow as soon as I know more.

Yours sincerely,

David Cochran  
**Chief Executive Officer**