

Tuesday 28th December, 2021

Dear friends,

COVID-19 exposure at Burradoo

This morning, a member of our Burradoo team tested positive to a COVID-19 rapid antigen test. They did not work today but have worked in the past 48-hours. They are now isolating and will not return to work for at least 14-days.

This is deemed a moderate to high-risk exposure, which could cause an outbreak. In response, we have activated our outbreak management plan and residents in Lindsay, Chisholm, Alexandra, and Gibraltar are isolated in their rooms. **There will be no visits permitted to these wings for at least 6-days.**

Visitor restrictions to other areas at Burradoo have been increased so that only one fully vaccinated visitor-per-resident-per-day is permitted. This restriction will apply until further notice. Residents who are not isolated are restricted to their home and must not enter Reception.

We have notified public health authorities. Now, we are focused on contacting the families of residents in isolation and notifying their GPs.

We have increased the frequency of COVID-19 symptom checking and will PCR test any resident who shows signs or symptoms. Unvaccinated residents may have additional surveillance or precautions. As a further check, we will rapid antigen test all residents at Burradoo today.

At this time there are no residents showing signs or symptoms and all staff on duty have passed their daily rapid antigen test. We are hopeful that the early detection of this probable infection will allow us to contain the risk of transmission.

We request that you do not make any non-essential calls to Burradoo if you are concerned. Administrative staff will be working from home and Reception is closed.

We will contact you if you need to know about an unwell resident. We will arrange virtual visits for isolating residents as quickly as possible. Staff are working long shifts in full PPE and their focus is on safely providing care to residents.

I will provide more information as this situation develops. We are well organised to manage this exposure and can assure you that we will resolve it as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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