

Tuesday, 6 August 2024

Dear friends

This letter contains important information about infection prevention and control at Harbison. Please read it carefully and consider how you can play your part in keeping our residents, visitors, and staff safe from infections like influenza and Covid-19.

We have current Covid-19 outbreaks at Moss Vale and Burradoo

Both homes are active outbreak sites now. Covid-19 infections have been detected in residents and staff, which means services may be temporarily disrupted due to the number of staff who are unwell or isolating. There are no visitor restrictions, but all visitors must sign in using the kiosk when they arrive and declare their influenza vaccination status.

Influenza vaccination is mandatory for staff, and strongly recommended for visitors and residents

All staff, including volunteers and contractors, must have a current influenza vaccination. This significantly reduces the risk of transmission. We strongly recommend that all visitors and residents also have a current vaccination against influenza.

Current Covid-19 vaccination is recommended for everyone

The current guideline for residents is a Covid-19 vaccination every 6-months. For other people, the latest advice and recommendation can be found using this link <https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/covid-19-vaccines/getting-your-vaccination>

Basic infection prevention & control is essential

Vaccinations are just one part of keeping everyone safe. Hand hygiene, cough etiquette, masks, and avoiding contact with vulnerable people are critical steps in preventing the spread of infection. Please be mindful of these simple actions you can take, and when visiting Harbison you must comply with directions from staff.

If you or anyone in your household is unwell, stay away

It is important that we all take responsibility for the risk we may pose to vulnerable people. If you or anyone in your household is unwell, please do not visit Harbison without first consulting the nursing staff who are caring for your resident. We can organise essential visits and help you to minimise the risk of infection, for example by providing you with PPE.

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Thank you for reading this letter. If you have any questions about your role in keeping everyone safe, please contact us or visit NSW Health website for the latest advice

<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', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Chief Executive Officer