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Coronavirus Update #32

Greetings from Maroba Headquarters

It is very pleasing to report that to date there appears to be no known positive cases of Covid-19 in our region and we seem to have come through the school holidays quite well.

As advised previously we frequently review our visitation arrangements which includes the risks associated with resident outings. Whilst we conclude that with the current situation in Sydney and the movement of infected individuals throughout the state there remains inherent risks for us, we believe however that with careful consideration and planning by families, the risk should be able to be minimised. We are therefore pleased to advise that loved ones are able to leave Maroba with family or friends for carefully planned and approved outings and home visits.

When considering an outing please take into account that on the surface the areas identified as Covid active areas appear to be reducing, yet behind the scenes we are seeing high levels of testing and multiple sites listed due to community transmission. Therefore I suggest that any outing or gathering should strictly follow Covid safe recommendations with very limited numbers. Inviting large groups from areas of concern to come along to catch up in your family home would not be ideal and may indeed put your loved one and other residents at risk upon return to the facility.

Outdoor outings at this time of year may be a consideration, however older people are at greater risk of dehydration so ensure plenty of water is available and consumed.

The latest areas for exclusion from Maroba as per NSW Health include the *suburb Lakemba, Liverpool LGA and Camden LGA and of course Victoria.*

Should you wish to take a loved one on an **outing or home visit** the process is as follows:

1. Complete the attached Risk Assessment form and return via email to enquiries@maroba.com.au or hand in at Reception at **least 48 hours** prior to the outing or home visit.
2. Linda Winn, Acting Director of Care or Manju John, Clinical Care Partner will be pleased to review the request and make suggestions that may strengthen your loved ones protection and safety.
Please note that submitting a request is not a guarantee of approval and an approval may be withdrawn on short notice if conditions change within the region or area of the intended visit.
3. Maroba will make contact with the person who submitted the form to confirm the outing or home visit can proceed.



I can't stress enough the importance of Covid Safe practices. We have seen how quickly Covid can spread and it is too easy to fall into complacency...which is our greatest risk. Please take care out and about in the community.

Until next time.

Yours sincerely,

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Viv Allanson
CEO