



5th January 2021

Coronavirus Update #42

Important Update regarding visitation arrangements.

Dear Residents, Family and Friends of Maroba,

Happy New Year doesn't quite fit the current circumstances, however we do have some slightly better news on our Coronavirus restrictions.

As of the 6th Jan at 10am visitors **outside of** the Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Illawarra, Shoal Haven, Orange, Nyngan (Bogan Shire) and Broken Hill will once again be able to attend Maroba during designated visiting hours. Please check carefully your movement throughout the state during the holidays as if you have even visited these regions you will be excluded until further notice.

We remain on high alert especially as we watch the effects on the Northern Beaches and Berala outbreak areas have had across the Nation. Only this morning we were made aware that many people from Sydney (especially Berala) visiting in Lake Macquarie were contacted by NSW Health and summoned back to their home towns for Covid testing and isolation.

Visiting arrangements for those permitted to enter the facility:

- All visitors to the facility must wear a mask.
- Only 2 visitors at a time
- In room visits only
- No congregating in any communal space / No stopping for coffee
- Social distancing and Hand Hygiene must be maintained

Weekdays: between 10am and 4.30pm

Weekends: by appointment only for those who cannot for genuine reasons make it during the allocated times on during weekdays. Please ring reception during office hours to make an appointment on 49350300.

Visitation outside these arrangements will be facilitated for special care needs and for active Palliation. The Director of Care will make contact if such visitation is required. Of course if you already have such an arrangement in place that will continue at this time.

Unfortunately social leave is discouraged unless for exceptional circumstances which may be discussed in the first instance with the Director of Care prior to completing the excursion form. If special leave is approved then the Coronavirus Self-Disclosure Declaration must be completed



and presented upon return to the facility as this will ensure contact tracing is optimised if required. Masks in such external settings are strongly advised.

Medical appointments will be facilitated, but again we recommend non urgent appointments be reconsidered if possible. Please complete the excursion form (Medical) available on our website. Masks in such external setting are strongly advised.

We also look forward to starting Bus excursions again this week so our residents can still be out and about without getting out of the “bus bubble” especially now as the weather seems to be improving.

We will continue to assess the Covid NSW situation each day and make adjustments to these arrangements as we deem appropriate to ensure the safety of the entire Maroba Community.

Keep up to date with the latest NSW news <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/racf-latest-advice.aspx>

Please remain vigilant as together we continue to navigate the potential risks associated with Coronavirus and reduce the “Curve” thus protecting our Maroba family and the community. Your support and co-operation through the past year and now into 2021 is greatly appreciated. Remember things change quickly so keep an eye on our notices for any sudden change in arrangements.

Please do not hesitate to contact Reception on (02) 4935 0300 or email enquiries@maroba.com.au to have your questions answered by the most appropriate staff member.

Stay Alert, stay Connected, stay Safe and stay Well .

Yours sincerely,

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