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Coronavirus Update #50

To our Maroba Community,

I hope this finds everyone well. It is hard to believe we are up to Update #50 and for all of us who remember turning 50, doesn't it have a nice ring to it?

As I write this the rain has finally stopped and the sun is shining. My thoughts have certainly been with those families who may have experienced some loss due to flooding and or damage to their property as a result of the inclement weather we have been experiencing of late and hope that things are improving for you.

You may have noticed that our updates are not as frequent. This is good news as it means the Covid outbreak has settled somewhat, however we are still not completely out of the woods yet. Have you been watching the news from overseas? Some countries who are nearing the end of winter are in the thick of their third wave of Covid-19. We are indeed lucky in Australia but we are heading into the cooler months. Whilst the further easing of restrictions on Monday 29 March is welcome and I do not want to dampen the enthusiasm this will bring, we still need to be careful.

Research conducted recently by the University of South Australia and reported online in 'Australian Ageing Agenda' state that 'four in five residents are at risk of worst outcome if they contract Covid-19.' The vaccination roll out is an important step for everyone in helping to combat the Covid-19 virus but particularly for the elderly and those most vulnerable. Whilst we are still waiting on a date the vaccination team will be at Maroba, we continue to focus on getting the paperwork in order. As advised previously we are required to have a completed form to consent or decline the vaccination for each resident and we are still waiting on over 30 forms to be completed. As a reminder the form can be completed on the Covid-19 web page on our website www.maroba.com.au. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

On another note, I have a little story to tell. Our residents love having visitors and we were delighted to be able to amend our visitation arrangements recently so we now have 7 day visiting again with no appointments necessary from 9-7pm. How good is that for everybody, especially with Easter nearly upon us? Remember last Easter when our residents were not able to have visitors. We certainly have made some progress. Some visitors were leaving the facility the other day and one of our staff noticed that they had not checked out of our Coolgard system, so offered to assist. It was then brought to light that the visitors had not

checked in! We realise that this could have been a one off and appreciate and thank everyone who does check in and out of the facility, so this is a little, but important reminder to please check in and check out of our Coolguard system. If you require assistance please ask. This is important as if in the unfortunate circumstance there is an outbreak of Covid or any infectious disease at Maroba, we need to quickly gather all the information necessary for the Public Health Unit. By using this system we are able to have the information available at the click of a button, and this of course will greatly assist the efficiency of contract tracing.

That's it from me for now, watch out for the April edition of the Maroba Connect which will be out next week.

As always we are available to answer any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Viv Allanson, CEO



Reference: https://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/research/four-in-five-residents-at-risk-of-worst-outcomes-of-covid-19/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=AAA%20newsletter%2024032021&utm_content=AAA%20newsletter%202403202

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