

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Dear Families and Friends,

I am very pleased to advise that our Covid positive residents are recovering quite well and there have not been any new positive cases identified at this stage. On Monday all Honeysuckle residents will undergo further PCR testing and on Wednesday all residents in The Hill will also be PCR tested. As you know these results can trickle in however, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Staff continue to provide care utilising the appropriate PPE and all are continuing with RATs prior to commencement of every shift. The residents' families are contacted daily for updates on their condition and progress.

Staff will continue to monitor the slightest change in residents' conditions and are making the decision not delay testing consenting residents. We will continue with the testing regime and monitor the outcome of the results.

We will continue with **NO general visitation** for Honeysuckle. Family members who would normally provide care for their loved one or those supporting a palliating resident will still be able to continue their caring and support roles.

**For the Manor (excluding Honeysuckle) and the Lodge we have the following requirements:**

- 1) Visitors will be required to wear a Surgical Mask always covering the mouth and Nose. This means NO eating or drinking during your visit.
- 2) Two Vaccinated adults may visit with a child 2 years and under within the resident's room between 10am and 4:30pm on weekdays. No appointment necessary. There are no weekend visits at this time however we will assess again at the beginning of next week. The entry screening requirements are evidence of a Negative RAT and check in using Coolguard in the Manor reception. If you have recently had Covid please bring your medical evidence for RAT exemption. If you are showing any signs or symptoms, please do not visit Maroba until you are well.
- 3) Outside visiting for up to 2 Vaccinated adults and 2 children. Children aged 12 and over must have received 2 Covid vaccinations. A surgical Mask must be worn throughout the visit and all attending including children, must be checked in using Coolguard in the Manor reception. Appointments required for all outside visits. Ph. 49350300
- 4) The requirement for evidence of a Negative RAT continues if you are taking a resident out. It is highly recommended that other family attending a gathering with a Maroba resident to also undertake a RAT. A record of who attends such a gathering should be kept by the host in the event of a positive case emerging. If you have a negative RAT test but still don't feel 100%, please delay your visit or outing
- 5) Register your intention to leave the facility using the online Excursion form at least 48 (business hours) before the outing. All residents can leave the facility (except Honeysuckle residents) whilst following Covid safe measures and remember the person completing the form is fully responsible for the safety of the resident whilst away from the facility.

6) Remember you must observe the green tick on Coolguard before proceeding. Check with a staff member if you have any issues with the Coolguard check-in. Also, double check that the correct name has come up to ensure a valid check in so that if contact tracing is required, we are on the front foot not running behind.

If you have concerns with our approach you are invited to call us to discuss or if you prefer you can contact:

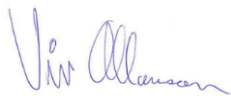
- Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) on 1800 700 600
- The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission on 1800 951 822
- Senior Rights Service 1800 424 079

Remember this next wave is just getting started so please stay vigilant with your hand hygiene, social distancing and please avoid coming to Maroba if you have any symptoms.

We appreciate your support and assistance in keeping the Maroba Community safe and well. If you require additional information, please call reception 49350300 during office hours or email [enquiries@maroba.com.au](mailto:enquiries@maroba.com.au).

Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



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