

Memorandum

To: Residents, Families and Representatives

From: Olive Wright - Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: COVID-19 Urgent Update

Dear Residents, Families and Representatives

Thankfully, we still have no community transmission, and the government announcement late last night has eased some of the restrictions we are all facing.

We will be open for visiting for our normal hours over the weekend 10am – 3pm and next week 9am – 4pm.

The directives state one household may visit another, in residential care, this means the resident can receive one visit per day from persons that all live in the same house.

For example:

- *Mrs A has a son and daughter who live in Woodvale and Kingsley, respectively.*
- *Mrs A's son can visit his mother with his wife on Saturday, therefore Mrs A daughter would be entitled to visit on Sunday with her husband.*

However due to the vulnerability of our residents, Meath Care requests that you limit the actual number of visitors from individual households; we strongly recommend that only one visitor per resident per day would help to keep our residents safe.

It is vitally important that the guidance is adhered to and we respectfully ask that as families, that you communicate with each other to determine who is visiting in the 24 hour period. It will be distressing for yourselves if you come to visit and your loved one has already had a visitor and therefore, we would be unable to allow you access.

Once again visitors will only be permitted to visit their loved one in their bedroom, and we are confident that you will adhere to social distancing guidelines and wear your mask at all times during the visit.

Please note we are currently receiving multiple requests from families to take their loved one out of the Centre to visit family in their own home. Whilst this is permitted under the government guidelines i.e. one family unit to another family unit, we strongly discourage this as our residents share their home or family unit with over 100 other residents, plus staff, and therefore the risk of cross infection is extremely high.

If you intend to take your loved one out please contact your Centre Manager.



Compassionate visits remain unchanged, please continue to liaise with the Centre Manager.

To ensure you are kept abreast of our risk management strategies, for next week please find a summary below, however, please note that should there be further updates or reinstating of restrictions these may be changed:

- Podiatry services will return to normal.
- Church services will recommence with a maximum of 30 attendees and social distancing maintained.
- Hairdressing will be able to recommence with a maximum of 2 residents at the Michael Lee Centre and 1 resident in the Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, to ensure social distancing is maintained.
- Our students will be returning to continue their training courses.
- Bus trips will remain on hold until further restrictions are lifted.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our residents safe.

Yours faithfully

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER