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Dear Inala residential families,

GREAT NEWS!

*We have some more good news with the latest update from NSW Health. This update included changes to the list of LGAs, particularly the removal of **Randwick LGA, Waverly LGA, Woollahra LGA and Mt Druitt**. See below for the full list of LGAs and respective home visit procedures.*

For the final week of term, Day supports have continued from homes once again and we thank you for your continued support and understanding of the restrictions in place.

NSW Health information update

The most recent update from NSW Health has had some changes to restrictions and we have since been in contact with a NSW Health representative to clarify a few points of this communication in regards to the specific situation for Inala residents and families.

Family visit changes

It is important to note that the recently announced changes in restrictions are different for families who live in, or have visited the identified LGA's listed below.

Families **who reside in or have visited the LGAs** listed below **in the last 14 days** can visit their child/sibling for a maximum of 2 hours in an outdoor setting if they show no symptoms of cough/fever etc if they:

- Wear a surgical mask for the duration of the visit and/or remain socially distanced
- The visits are to be outside of the group home with no entry to the house, therefore mitigating the risk for other residents and staff (ie families to go around the back of the house via side gate)
- This means parents cannot drive their child to a park for example, however Inala Accommodation staff could drop off if this worked within routines
- No more than 2 family members to visit at any one time
- Visits are to be booked in advance with Accommodation staff members

By protecting yourself with masks/social distancing on visits this will mean other residents and staff stay safe. This is an extra NSW Health guideline protection for a little while so we can significantly reduce the risk of infection whilst still providing for family connection.

Families who **do not** reside in the LGAs listed below may visit/pick up their child and take them back to the family home.

Booking visits and ongoing precautions

To book visits please liaise directly with house staff members. Please do not come if you are showing any flu like symptoms (cough/fever etc). If a child or parent becomes sick while the child is visiting they cannot return until they receive a

negative COVID test and advice from NSW Health. We would ask that families are cautious if they take their child home and avoid crowded spaces and indoor venues where possible to keep everyone safe, especially in the busy and often crowded school holiday period.

With the easing of restrictions by NSW Health not only are we able to resume home visits, but we will be able to increase access to outdoor venues for the holidays; indoor venues will still be restricted, particularly for the busier school holiday period.

Day Services Term 4

From the beginning of Term 4 residents will return to Day services in phased way to ensure ongoing wellness and COVID safe precautions and protocols. We will communicate these changes prior to the start of term and have reviewed implementation strategies so they are ready.

Please continue to be diligent in all aspects of your life

As we know the COVID-19 situation remains fluid. We will continue to monitor information from NSW Health and will communicate any changes and the implications for Inala services, clients and families.

Please continue to be vigilant and follow Government guidelines on wearing masks in areas where you cannot socially distance, particularly in indoor areas and on public transport.

We thank you again for your patience and understanding and as always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

Kind regards,



Martin Porteous
Joint Chief Executive Officer



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Joint Chief Executive Office

Advice and guidance from NSW Health for people who live in or have visited the following LGAs or suburbs in the last 14 days:

LGAs	Suburbs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bankstown (suburbs and localities of former Bankstown LGA – Revesby, Bankstown and Bass Hill wards)• Blue Mountains• Cumberland• Fairfield• Hunters Hill• Liverpool• Parramatta	