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Dear Inala families and carers,

We hope you are all keeping well and managing to stay cool in this hotter weather.

It has been wonderful to see so many days with no locally transmitted COVID-19 cases in NSW and the recent further easing of restrictions, including the ability to once again travel to Victoria and Queensland.

We are excited to be planning for our annual Christmas Carols to go ahead, with the event being held outside this year and some changes around protocols and procedures. Invitations will be out shortly and we hope you will be able to join us. RSVPs are needed for this event and details will be out soon.

Thank you once again for your continued support and ongoing vigilance to keep members of the Inala community safe and well.

We look forward to seeing you back to enjoy your programs when you are ready to return. Please don't hesitate to contact your direct Manager if you would like to check on anything or to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

#### **Update from NSW Health**

NSW Health reinforce the importance of supporting visits for residents while maintaining appropriate screening and infection prevention.

Please note, Wingecarribee LGA is **no longer** an area of increased testing, leaving just **Liverpool LGA** in this category.

#### **Guidelines in relation to staff wearing masks**

As per the advice from NSW Health received last week, *Staff who work in, reside in, or have visited in the last 14 days the LGA areas listed below*, an Inala supplied surgical mask continues to be needed to be worn while involved in direct client support work. They must also be worn when on break or in non-client support activity if social distancing is not possible.

The list of identified LGAs is:

- Liverpool

*Staff who do not reside in or have visited any of the LGAs listed below* are at present not required by NSW Health to wear a surgical mask when involved in direct client support work. However, staff are welcome to wear a mask if they feel more comfortable doing so.

#### **Guidelines for venues and activities**

As part of our risk management strategy and in light of the easing of restrictions in NSW, we have made some small changes to the list of activities and venues.

In a piece of good news, the Inala pool will be open for business from this weekend – perfect timing given the hot weather that is forecast. We have protocols in place about the use of the pool (including hard surface cleaning) and the number of people that can be in the area at the one time. We know this will be a very popular decision with public pools being out of action for so long.

*We continue to avoid indoor venues and activities (this includes shopping centres, indoor bowling, movies, indoor swimming pools etc) and ask staff to focus activities and outings in outdoor settings.*

**Please continue to be diligent in all aspects of your life**

Please be assured that Inala staff continue to be diligent in maintaining all the protocols currently in place, including social distancing, temperature checks on arrival, enhanced cleaning and good hygiene. We continue to track visitors to Inala via a questionnaire.

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

We hope you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,



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