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Today's COVID-19 Update from St Basil's NSW / ACT

Dear Residents, Consumers and Families,

NSW Health have today updated their advice to Residential Aged Care Facilities. This latest advice runs from tomorrow, 8th January 2021 until a further notice.

All residential aged care facilities in NSW must:

- ensure all staff and visitors wear a surgical mask within the facility
- ensure residents have a maximum of only two visitors each day which can be different visitors each day with **all visits booked in by appointment only**
- exclude visitors from the Northern Area of the Northern Beaches, City of Wollongong, Cumberland City Council and the Canterbury Ward of Canterbury Bankstown Council
- exclude staff and visitors who:
 - live in a household with a person who is currently self-isolating
 - have been to any of the latest COVID-19 locations in NSW at the times and dates listed, excluding the monitor for symptoms list
 - have a fever (37. 5°C or higher) or symptoms of COVID-19 (acute blocked nose congestion has been added to the list of symptoms)
 - are a close contact of a person with confirmed COVID-19 and are within their self-isolation period.

If you're unsure about whether it's safe for you to visit, or to find out more about other ways to connect with your loved ones, feel free to speak to our staff. **Remember that visitors may only attend by appointment.**

Please note that if you have a loved one at our Lakemba facility, we won't be accepting any visitors until further notice. This is due to the facility's proximity to the Canterbury Bankstown Council area which has been flagged as an area with increased testing. Direct correspondence has been sent to families of Lakemba consumers.

All details of NSW Health's latest advice can be found here:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/racf-latest-advice.aspx>

Yours sincerely,



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