



19 March 2020

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Tanunda Lutheran Home is in total Lockdown

To all Residents of the Retirement Villages

As I'm sure you are hearing the media reports in relation to the COVID – 19 outbreaks around Australia. I wish to remind you that Tanunda Lutheran Home has 120 residents and 200 staff and volunteers at risk in our care. As a responsible organisation we are still taking the current situation seriously and are following guidelines provided by state and commonwealth health authorities. I can confirm that there are no residents or staff members of Tanunda Lutheran Home with any signs of the COVID – 19.

As a precaution we have taken the steps to place the Home in total lockdown to all non-essential visitors or activities as of the 23 March 2020 until further notice.

However, on behalf of the Board Members, Executive and Management team of Tanunda Lutheran Home we encourage you to take care of yourselves. Eat well, lots of fluids and a bit of daily exercise as tolerated will assist in maintaining your health. Please stay away from crowds and areas that maybe at risk. At this time, you are better off staying at home and keeping informed via all forms of media. If at any time you become unwell can you please call Carolyn Redden on phone number 8563 7709 and let her know so we can monitor your wellbeing.

This is a very special time in the history of both the Home, Villages & Australia as a whole. It is times like this when we as Australians go that little bit extra to ensure we are all OK and to pitch in and do our best to support each other to ensure we all get through this situation.

Please be advised of the following actions being taken to ensure our residents, staff & volunteers of the Home remain safe & well:

- Tanunda Lutheran Home has again updated the Infection Control Policies & Procedures.
- Tanunda Lutheran Home has only the reception entrance at the Bridge Street front door open to authorised visitors. All other external doors are closed and locked to the general public and visitors.

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- No Visitors to be allowed entry to the Home unless a resident is in palliative care or distressed. Please make contact with clinical staff for authorisation to visit. Only one or two adults at a time.
- No children will be allowed into the home.
- Temperature checks of all who are authorised to enter the home.
- All resident activities to be scaled back to smaller groups.
- Physiotherapy staff to continue providing services to residents.
- Podiatry to continue providing services to residents at this time.
- Hairdresser will remain open at this stage to provide the service to the residents of the Home only.
- The Barossa Club will remain open at this stage to provide the ongoing services.
- Clinical staff will be supported by the Chaplains, senior clinical staff & myself.
- Residents will continue to receive care & services as per their care plans.
- Residents who show signs of the flu or COVID-19 will be immediately isolated in their rooms - appropriate testing will be carried out until cleared by the GPs.
- Please ensure if you are going to visit you are not showing any signs of respiratory infection such as: **cough, fever, runny nose or sore throat**. Please refrain from entering the Home until you are well again.
- As previously mention please consider other ways of staying in touch with loved ones such as phone calls, using Skype or writing letters.

Updated signage has been placed at all doorways to provide you with further information. The door closures will remain in force until further notice and advise from the authorities.

When at home please monitor who you visit and those who visit you. It is suggested you only mix with those who you know are well and have not been overseas lately. Monitor your health and as necessary contact your GP clinical if concerned.

If you require further clarification of this situation please contact 8563 7777, your call will be referred to a nominated staff member.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Martin', is positioned above the printed name.

Lee Martin
CEO / DOC
Tanunda Lutheran Home Inc

