



## ST PAUL DE CHARTRES RETIREMENT UNITS

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Dear Retirement Unit Residents

Due to the upgrade on restrictions set out by the government last night in regards to the CORVID -19 and announcing the 4 square metre social distancing rule, our community centre activities and gatherings are being placed on hold until further notice.

This includes knit and knatter, exercise class, marjong, carpet bowls, birthday morning teas, bible study, happy hour, Tia Chi and monthly residents meetings.

The community centre will still be open & residents can still attend to get library books or use the gym equipment remembering the 4 square metre social distancing rules and of course strict hand hygiene. If you are unwell please do not attend the community centre.

**The retirement unit office will still be open from 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.**

The residents' committee and management will still meet monthly (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month) to discuss issues arising within the retirement community and residents are encouraged to contact either Virginia Shaw, Donald Geddes or Mick Carrol to raise any concerns or questions as you would at your monthly residents meetings. Minutes of the committee meetings will be distributed to your letterboxes.

In addition to the previous letter in regards to visiting the aged care facility all staff and visitors will have their temperature checked prior to either commencing work or entering the facility. Anyone with a temperature over 37 will not be allowed to work or enter the facility.

**Important information for our retirement unit residents and residents who are receiving home care services by external providers.**

As the risk to our residents continues to grow we need to implement additional exclusions to the aged care facility.

Home care recipients (**and other residents**) who usually attend our aged care facility for activities, respite, meals or hairdresser appointments will not be able to attend the facility if they continue to go out in general public areas. This includes shopping centres and all general public areas or other social outings.

You may request your home care provider or family to do your shopping for you so that you may continue to attend the aged care facility as usual or if you wish continue to go out in the general public either with your carer or family we can arrange to have your meals delivered to you and respite can be in your own home. If you are wanting a home service for hairdressing this can also be arranged. Libby will be in contact with you to discuss your options further.

Once again, at all times our intention is to limit the risk to our vulnerable community. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Libby on 3809 6323 or [lcalaby@spcagedcare.org.au](mailto:lcalaby@spcagedcare.org.au). Additionally it is important that if you are sick you keep Libby informed.

Yours sincerely,  
Colm McNamara  
General Manager

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