



9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Relatives and Friends

As you may be aware, the Government of South Australia has just updated their Residential Aged Care Facility Emergency Management Direction which can be accessed by clicking on the following link <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/aged-care> . This update includes additional requirements relevant to all visitors as follows.

Under the RACF Emergency Management Direction, **from 6 December 2021**, a person is not permitted to enter or remain on the premises of a RACF unless they have been vaccinated against COVID-19 (A person is vaccinated against COVID-19 if they have received at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the TGA or all dosages of a recognised COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with dosage schedule recommended by ATAGI for that vaccine). Exemptions to this requirement are limited to the below circumstances:

- the person is aged 12 years and 2 months or less.
- the person has a medical certificate or letter from a legally qualified medical practitioner certifying that the person:
  - has a medical exemption from receiving a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine on either a permanent or temporary basis in accordance with the guidelines published from time to time by ATAGI; or
  - has a medical exemption on either a permanent or temporary basis from receiving the preferred vaccine as recommended by ATAGI for the person's age; or
  - has an appointment to be assessed by a medical specialist or has commenced an assessment with a medical specialist to determine whether they have a medical exemption from receiving a COVID-19 vaccine on either a permanent or temporary basis in accordance with the guidelines published from time to time by ATAGI; or
  - is currently taking part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial and receipt of a TGA approved vaccine would impact the validity of the trial.

The certificate or letter must specify the nature of the exemption and the basis on which it applies and the exemption must be endorsed by the Chief Public Health Officer or her delegate (which must be provided to the operator of the RACF).

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As from the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 our reception staff will be asking all visitors to produce proof that they have received two doses of an approved COVID vaccination. If you have already received both doses of the vaccine, we would be very grateful if you could bring in this proof on your next visit to avoid delays.

To assist people who may not have had an opportunity to receive the vaccination, we are currently collaborating with the Department of Health to organise a Pfizer clinic at The House of Saint Hilarion. Please contact us on ph: 08 8409 1500 if you would be interested in attending this clinic.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this new Government requirement or if I can assist with providing further information.

Yours sincerely



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