



The Society of Saint Hilarion

Wednesday 17 May 2023

Dear residents, relatives, and representatives,

This letter is to update you with the status at the House of Saint Hilarion - Seaton and Villa Saint Hilarion – Fulham.

I wish to thank all of our residents, families, and representatives, for the adherence to our COVID-19 precautionary measures. Unfortunately, as is reflective of the wider community, we have had COVID-19 enter our facilities.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that our residents are a vulnerable group of people. If you, or someone in your household has COVID-19, can you please stay away from the facility for 7 days to protect your loved one and the wider resident group. Whilst there is freedom in the community to move around, that is not the case within a residential aged care facility, it is vital that we all work together to keep our residents safe.

Communal areas at both Seaton and Fulham are closed off to visitors at this time.

At Fulham...

COVID-19 Status at Fulham.

We have one COVID-19 case as of today. The resident is isolating in their unit, which is a Red Zone. PCR testing for all residents has begun today and will continue over the next 7 days. All staff will be wearing N95 masks across the facility and any visitors to a Red Zone must wear N95 masks.

At Seaton...

COVID-19 Status at Seaton.

We have one COVID-19 positive case as of today in the Green unit. The Green unit is now a Red Zone. All staff will be wearing N95 masks across the facility and any visitors to a Red Zone must wear N95 masks. PCR testing for all residents has begun today and will continue over the next 7 days. We are recommending that residents in Green remain within the facility whilst being a close contact. If, however, a resident in Green wishes to leave the facility they are able to do so.

What does this mean for visitors at Fulham and Seaton?

- All visitors must sanitise their hands, complete a RAT, wear a mask in any Red Zone, and only enter the resident's room or unit.
- Sign in using Loop learn.
- Sanitise hands again before going beyond the reception area.
- **Please only visit your loved one in their room. Do not enter any communal area.**

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What does this mean for staff at Fulham and Seaton?

We continue to minimise the potential for any further infection in several ways.

- Staff will be completing Rapid Antigen Tests daily before commencing their shift.
- Staff will wear full PPE including D95 mask and eye protection, and gowns where required.
- Staff have received further training on infection control and PPE use.
- Additional cleaning has been allocated to the Red Zone areas to ensure all residents are kept safe.
- Nurses will continue to assess each resident twice per day for any COVID symptoms.
- Continued emotional and spiritual support.
- Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator is available to provide face to face support to all residents.
- Leisure and Lifestyle staff members are rostered every day to provide as many activities as possible and visit people regularly to ensure they are not feeling isolated.

Our Commitment

The entire team of Saint Hilarion is doing their absolute best to control the transmission of COVID-19. We thank you for cooperation to ensure the health and wellbeing of all residents, visitors, and staff.

PLEASE BE KIND TO OUR STAFF. THEY ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO KEEP EVERYBODY SAFE.

We ask for your patience as you enter the facilities. It is for the health and wellbeing of all concerned including your own. Rest assured we will keep you updated as information comes to hand. If you have special needs and wish to discuss visiting further, you are encouraged to contact our clinical nurses for support and advice. As always, for any general enquiries we encourage you to contact us by phoning 08 8409 1500, emailing admin@sainthilarion.asn.au or visiting our website <https://sainthilarion.asn.au/news/covid-19-updates/> for latest updates.

Yours sincerely



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