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Snap Lockdown – Visitor restrictions apply to residential aged care facilities in Southern Tasmania

As a result of the man who left hotel quarantine testing positive to COVID-19, the Tasmanian Premier Peter Gutwein has today announced a three day lockdown for Hobart and surrounding local government areas.

As a result, from 6pm tonight, Friday 15 October, until 6pm on Monday 18 October, Uniting AgeWell residential care facilities in Sandy Bay, Rosetta, Berriedale, Mornington and Sorell will be closed to visitors.

Only staff and essential visitors will be allowed to enter the facility subject to meeting rigorous screening requirements. All staff and essential visitors will be required to wear facemasks and all other safety and hygiene practices will remain in place.

For clarity, essential visitor exemptions only apply in the case of end-of-life or distress due to dementia. Please contact your local Residential Services Manager for further information or guidance with respect to a proposed essential visit.

Staying in touch

We know this is extremely disappointing news for residents, their families and friends.

During this period we encourage you to connect with your loved ones through phone calls, video calls, and emails. If at any time you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your local Residential Services Manager or a member of the care team.

If you have visited an exposure site

Details of exposure sites can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/families-community/public-exposure-sites-in-tasmania>

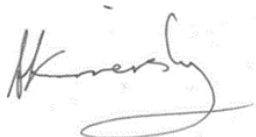
If anyone has visited one of those locations during the times listed, they must immediately quarantine and contact the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 for advice (if you have not already been contacted by Public Health).

We would also appreciate you contacting your local Uniting AgeWell Residential Services Manager if you have visited an exposure site within the exposure period and you have recently visited a resident.

Thank you for your support and cooperation and please do not hesitate to contact the Residential Services Manager at your site if you have any queries or concerns about resident wellbeing.

Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back very soon.

Yours sincerely



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