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URGENT UPDATE: VICTORIA-WIDE VISITOR RESTRICTIONS NOW IN PLACE

The Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has this afternoon announced that the whole of Victoria will enter Stage 4 Restrictions from midnight tonight, 12 February, until midnight on Wednesday 17 February 2021, due to the escalating COVID-19 situation and the highly transmissible UK variant.

As a result, Uniting AgeWell is implementing visitor restrictions effective from 5pm today until midnight on Wednesday 17 February 2021 across all of its Victorian residential care facilities, noting the restriction period may change based on Victorian Government advice.

Only staff and essential visitors will be allowed to enter Uniting AgeWell residential care facilities during this time, subject to meeting rigorous screening requirements. They will also be required to wear both facemasks and face shields. All other safety and hygiene practices will remain in place.

For clarity, essential visits are considered to be compassionate, end-of-life or assistance visits. All other visitor bookings for the next five days will be cancelled.

As Residents are also subject to the Government's Stage 4 restrictions, they will be unable to leave the facility grounds unless for medical reasons.

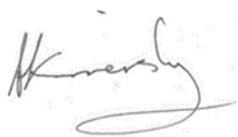
During these heightened restrictions, we would encourage you to connect with your loved ones through phone calls, video calls, letters and emails. If at any time you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your Residential Services Manager.

We will continue to keep you fully informed.

As always, the health, safety and wellbeing of those in our care remains our highest priority.

Thank you for your support and understanding and I will be in touch again next week.

Yours sincerely



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