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Restricted entry and precautionary measures in place at all
residential aged care facilities in Tasmania

Due to the escalating COVID-19 situation in Victoria and New South Wales, together with this week's case in Launceston of an interstate traveller testing positive for COVID-19 while in hotel quarantine, the Director of Public Health in Tasmania has introduced a range of precautionary measures.

From midnight Thursday, 5 August, additional requirements will apply until further notice to all staff and visitors attending residential aged care facilities.

These include:

- **Mandatory wearing of face masks by staff and visitors**
- **A limit of two visitors per day per resident**

Additionally, Victoria was reclassified as a high-risk area, adding to the existing list of New South Wales, some areas of Queensland and premises in Western Australia.

Anyone in Tasmania who has been in a high risk area or attended any of the high risk premises in the last 14 days is not permitted to enter a residential aged care facility.

The list of high risk areas and premises is updated several times each day at www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travelalert.
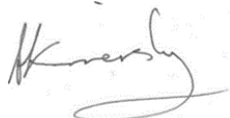
All staff, visitors, volunteers and contractors will continue to be screened on entry and required to complete a declaration form as well as sign in via the Check-in Tas app. If you do not meet the entry criteria (for example, you are unwell or have been exposed to COVID-19 or spent time in a high-risk area or premises in the last 14 days) you will not be permitted to enter and asked to immediately leave.

Please be assured that all COVID-Safe protocols are in place across Uniting AgeWell residences in Tasmania and we will continue to closely monitor the health and wellbeing of all residents in our care; their safety is paramount.

We will keep you informed regarding any further changes or restrictions to visiting guidelines and urge you to remain vigilant.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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