



20th April 2022

Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible others,

Thank-you for your patience and understanding in regards to this current lockdown. I contacted each of you Saturday evening and left messages for those who were not available. There were a couple of numbers I phoned that did not give me the option of leaving a message. You should see a missed call.

Anyway, here is the update in regards to COVID- 19 and the Longridge Aged Care status . Unfortunately, we now have two residents who are positive. Again, like the last lockdown, we only received the results from the tests of Sat night, today!!! Fortunately, RN Toni Mickan and Dr. Dawkins were able to spend time yesterday conducting and processing our own Rapid Antigen tests (RAT) for each and every resident. It is these tests that produced the positive results. Both families have been informed.

The emergence of the two new positive cases meant that our lockdown remains in place. SA Health tell us “An outbreak can be declared over and the RACF can return to normal business operations, seven (7) days from when the last staff member or resident received a positive COVID-19 test result”. If we don’t have any further staff or resident/s test positive, hypothetically this means that we will be able to open up next Weds the 26th April.

In the meantime, please don’t forget about the option to Face-Time your loved one. Staff are more than happy to support this social time for the residents. Also, if there is anyone else that should also be on the mailing list, please let us know and we will ensure that they are added.

This Friday morning, all residents and staff of Longridge will be PCR tested. We are hoping to have the results by Friday afternoon. I know it’s ambitious but we are going to try really hard! Apparently if we get them to Clinpath before 11am we should have the results before COB Friday!!!

Kind regards,

Mary-Ann Koerner
CEO