

Dear residents and representatives

We are gradually emerging from what has proved to be the most persistent COVID outbreak Boneham has experienced. We currently only have a very small number of active cases left on site but it seems an additional case or two crop up every few days.

We are not alone. Anyone who has read the media about the impact on SA Health of the winter onset COVID cases will realise the health system is very stretched at the moment.

We have decided not to impose further mask restrictions on visitors for the time being. Our staff will remain in masks through the long weekend with a plan to remove them if cases finally settle by that point. Masks remain optional for visitors unless they are visiting a COVID positive resident, in which case you should speak to staff about the PPE requirement.

Please note that we continue to require a RAT test prior to entry - we have picked up several active cases in visitors over recent weeks via RAT testing - and we ask that you please test on the day you are entering Boneham or at our reception when you arrive.

Please do not visit if you have any symptoms of illness at all. Not only is COVID circulating widely, it is joined this year by influenza and RSV (respiratory virus), both highly contagious and dangerous to vulnerable residents.

On a more positive note, our hardworking Lifestyle team continue to keep spirits high with activities and outings for residents. We still see happy and laughing residents participating in daily activities throughout outbreaks, in large part thanks to the energy and planning of our Lifestyle team. We thank them sincerely.

We also thank our broader community for your ongoing support and patience. As a community owned organisation, your support for our organisation and our dedicated staff is vital and very much appreciated by us all.

Kind Regards,

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