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Dear Director

NSW has successfully suppressed COVID-19 to very low levels. Aged care facilities have played an important role in protecting vulnerable older residents living within their facilities.

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) met on 21 June about the recent outbreaks of COVID-19 in Victoria. The Victorian Government has identified the local government (LGAs) areas of Hume, Casey, Brimbank, Moreland, Cardinia and Darebin as the current outbreaks of concern. These LGAs are all located in Melbourne.

The AHPPC strongly discourages travel to and from these areas until control of community transmission has been achieved.

Until further notice:

- Please ensure that staff and visitors who have travelled to Melbourne in the previous 14 days are denied entry to your aged care facility.
- Please call your NSW Health public health unit on 1300 066 055 for advice should a resident who has been in Melbourne in the previous 14 days wish to return to your facility.

I remind you again to have the utmost vigilance in preventing the risk of COVID-19 introduction and transmission in your facility. All visitors to the facility should be screened on entry. Anyone with respiratory symptoms, even mild, or fever, or anyone who has visited Melbourne in the last 14 days is to be excluded from the facility.

Measures such as phone or video calls should be made available to all residents to enable continuation of communication with visitors that are unable to visit as they have travelled or reside in Melbourne.

Thank you for being responsive to implementing measures to prevent introduction of COVID-19 into your facility. If you would like more information, please contact your local NSW Health public health unit on 1300 066 055.

Yours sincerely



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