



Minimising Risk to the Elderly – How Methodist Homes is managing COVID-19 virus

Elders and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Methodist Homes have been caring for the elderly for 50 years and our residents and staff are our priority. Therefore, following the President's National Disaster announcement as a consequence of the COVID-19 risk, we have put plans in place to limit the risk of the virus being spread within any of our 15 homes and villages.

Methodist Homes' precautionary measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- All visitors are required to complete a questionnaire regarding travel and health symptoms related to COVID-19 before being permitted entry to our premises and will not be admitted if they have been exposed to risk
- Compulsory hand sanitising for all visitors entering villages and/or Care Centres
- Care Centre visiting hours have been restricted to one hour per day, video or voice calls are available to family members that are not able to visit during visiting hours.
- Access to Care Centres via one point of entry only which will be manned by a member of staff during visiting times
- All Residents and Staff are to be screened/assessed every day
- Our nursing carers, cleaners and catering staff are classified essential services and we will strive to staff our Care Centres with appropriate staffing levels at all time
- All group residents activities have been suspended
- Care Centre meals will be served in residents rooms rather than a communal dining area
- Isolation areas within each Care Centre have been identified for use if the need arises
- Cleaning and maintenance staff are required to wash and sanitise hands before entering any resident room or unit
- Only essential maintenance will be carried out until further notice
- Group meetings (staff and committees) have been suspended until further notice
- IT facilities are being implemented to enable admin staff to work from home to minimise the number of staff on site at any one time and offices will operate on a skeleton staff wherever possible.

WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY | MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING | AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH |

IF YOU EXPERIENCE FEVER, COUGH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SEEK MEDICAL CARE

COVID Help Line – 0800 029 999 or WhatsApp “Hi” to – 060 012 3456 to receive different options to information

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