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Warrigal Update

Dear resident representatives and relatives

The number of COVID-19 vaccines administered continues to increase significantly each week, with 1.97m doses now given up until 27 April 2021. This means that 1.22m doses have been given in April compared to 640,000 in March. I am pleased that this number also includes four Warrigal homes that received the second dose this week, leaving only Goulburn and Bundanoon residents to receive the second dose. The focus will then be on ensuring that all new residents have the opportunity to be vaccinated.

While we continue to ease restrictions as the vaccine rollout progresses, we have once again seen this week the devastating impact of the virus in India, with the number of reported deaths in India now over 200,000, and over 350,000 cases being reported daily. There were still 5.7 million cases reported globally last week.

As I have indicated in previous updates, the supply of the vaccine has meant that the number of staff being vaccinated have been restricted to any surplus doses in the Care Homes. I am pleased to advise that there has been significant progress being made in the past week, with a number of the Local Health Districts setting up “vaccine hubs” in some hospitals, with priority given to frontline staff. While it will still take a number of weeks for this to be completed, the progress continues to improve the safety within our care homes.

The updated table below reflects the current dates, and shows in red those that have been completed.

Aged Care Home	Vaccination Dates		Provider
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	
Stirling	24/02/2021	17/03/2021	Aspen Medical
Calwell	12/03/2021	7/04/2021	Sonic Healthcare
Coniston	18/03/2021	8/04/2021	Australian Defence Force
Queanbeyan	30/03/2021	20/04/2021	Sonic Healthcare
Warilla	1/04/2021	23/04/2021	Australian Defence Force
MT Warrigal	6/04/2021	27/04/2021	Aspen Medical
Albion Park Rail	7/04/2021	28/04/2021	Aspen Medical

Mount Terry	8/04/2021	29/04/2021	Aspen Medical
Shell Cove	8/04/2021	29/04/2021	Aspen Medical
Goulburn	16/4/2021	7/5/2021	Aspen Medical
Bundanoon	23/04/2021	14/05/2021	Sonic Healthcare

This week we held Relative Meetings on Zoom for Goulburn and Queanbeyan families. These meetings are a good opportunity to provide updates on both the industry and information on key areas for Warrigal including accreditation and COVID Normal. This includes the need to be screened by staff and making appointments for visiting your loved ones. Once the care home has received the second vaccination, these requirements will no longer apply, and anyone visiting will still need to take their own temperature and complete the relevant documentation. The specific arrangements for each home will be communicated by the respective management teams.

One of the key components of Standard One of the Quality Standards, is that residents are treated with dignity and respect and maintain their identity with regards to decisions about life, and having those decisions respected, is an essential right of each resident. This principle means as much as possible that decisions are made by residents themselves, however, they may choose to involve others as representatives in making decisions. If you would like to discuss this further, or do not feel this is the case, please contact us by email at warrigal@warrigal.com.au.

Thank you once again for your support over the past 18 months as we have navigated our way through the impact of COVID-19. It has been refreshing for me to be able to visit a number of homes over the past month and speak to many residents about their experiences, and the importance of feeling safe, and the different ways that many of them utilised to stay connected.

Yours Sincerely,



Craig Smith
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