



16 March 2023

Dear Hall & Prior resident family members

Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our residents and staff.

We are really excited to announce that effective from 7am Monday, 20 March 2023 :

- wearing of masks will no longer be mandatory in our homes
  - Masks **will** be mandatory should a home be in outbreak;
  - Individual homes may be directed to wear masks at NSW COVID Taskforce discretion (e.g. if there is a spike in staff cases, even if not in outbreak);
- Masks (surgical and P2/N95) will still be available if staff or visitors choose to wear them;
- Staff and visitors who are **close contacts** should continue to wear a P2/N95 mask while in our homes;
- Rapid Antigen Testing is strongly encouraged for all visitors but is still mandatory for all staff.

While we have made this decision based on low numbers of cases in the community we will continue to review this decision and if necessary request masks be reinstated should we see increases in COVID-19 numbers.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the RN on duty.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces and recognising people in the corridors again.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme Prior".

**GRAEME PRIOR**  
Chief Executive Officer