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RE: Mandatory Influenza Vaccinations to enter an Aged Care Facility

Dear Family Members

Wongaburra Management, are taking every necessary step to help prevent COVID-19 infection at our facility and facility grounds and we are closely following all advice from health authorities

As you may be aware, the government announced that from 1 May 2020, anyone entering a residential aged care facility is required have received the Flu Vaccination and to provide appropriate evidence.

Itemised below are the kinds of evidence that The Department of Health approves:

“Appropriate evidence may be a statement or record from a health practitioner, or an immunisation history statement available from Medicare Online or the Express Plus Medicare mobile app.

“Each state and territory requires that persons must not enter or remain on premises of residential aged care facilities if they do not have an up-to-date (ie. 2020) vaccination against influenza, if such a vaccination is available to them.”

With all of this focus on the vaccination of both staff and visitors to aged care homes; it's important to note that while residents are encouraged to get flu vaccinations, they do still have the right to refuse.

Please ensure you ask for evidence of your vaccine and send us a copy for our compliance auditing against this new legislation. Please extend this notice to the rest of your family and whomever may want to enter Wongaburra.

Please remember that from 1st of May, anyone entering an aged care facility must have a current influenza vaccination in order to enter the premises.

Yours Sincerely,

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