

Monday 20 July 2020

RE: MDS Community Inclusion and Support (Day Program) Risk Strategies (COVID-19)

At MDS, your health and wellbeing is important to us. In order to maintain your safety we continually monitor and implement NSW Health advice and directives.

Given the recent outbreak of COVID-19 in South Western Sydney, NSW Health have advised disability services to remain vigilant. They have recommended additional precautions be implemented for residential disability facilities.

Whilst the advice is targeted to residential facilities like Group Homes, MDS have decided to implement NSW Health recommendations across our Day Program sites.

To date we have requested anyone who presents unwell to our sites, return home, isolate and seek medical assistance. We will now also recommend staff and participants seek a COVID-19 test if they present with a fever or respiratory symptoms, even if the symptoms are mild.

Additional NSW Health recommendations we will implement include:

- All staff will wear a mask while in our facilities. MDS will provide a mask to you whilst attending programs.
- We will limit all non-essential visitors until the end of July.
- Staff and visitors who have visited any of the locations linked to the COVID-19 outbreak in South Western Sydney should be excluded for a period of 14 days since their visit to the listed location. Staff will be provided with the list of venues and dates which are available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>.
- Any visitors who have been in Victoria in the previous two weeks will be excluded from our facilities.

The above recommendations are being implemented until the end of July at which point we will review the public health advice.

If you have any questions regarding your services at MDS, please contact your service coordinator directly and/or our Head Office on 4621 8400

Kind Regards,



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