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To Participants, Families and Carers,

As you are aware, restrictions have increased significantly in the past 24-48 hour which has resulted in our programs being effected.

As restrictions continue to be monitored and are moving quickly, we have had to look at our current programmed activities as well as the upcoming holiday activities to ensure we are working within the current restrictions as outlined by NSW Health.

Changes so far include-

- Masks are compulsory in all indoor venues including workplaces.
- Singing and dancing are not permitted
- 1 person per 4 square metres for all indoor and outdoor settings
- Drinking whilst standing is not permitted in indoor venues
- We ask people keep up-to-date with exposure sites and advise of any concerns they may have. Please see below link that can assist in keeping you updated.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

Because of this we have had to cancel a number of programs including the MDS disco for next week. Please be advised that we will provide a full refund for the disco in the coming days.

Other precautions that MDS are putting in place include-

- Sites will not cross over to other sites (Warby Street Participants will not visit other MDS Sites or attend group based activities with other MDS Sites)
- We will not access indoor venues as part of our program until restrictions are again eased. This will result in more in house activities or outdoor community based activities (that fall in line with the current restrictions).
- Due to the fast moving changes to restrictions, I am unable to develop individual planners for participants. Programs will be amended as restrictions are updated and we will keep participants as up to date with their programmed activities as possible.

MDS will continue to work in line with their COVID-19 precautions such as hourly sanitisation of sites, sanitisation of vehicles, temperature checks for all those who attend site etc.

We ask that anyone who is feeling unwell and/or has any flu like symptoms does not attend program and returns only once they have received a clearance from their Dr to outline that they are fit for program. This includes both staff, participants and visitors.

If you have attended any of the locations outlined on the NSW Health website please follow the instructions as outlined by NSW Health.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further details.

Warm regards,

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