

# COVID MATTERS

For Residents & Families

St Basil's  
— living well —

23 November 2021

## Important COVID-19 update

With our borders now open, we want to outline what this will mean for our residents at St Basil's as we learn to live with COVID-19, and ask for your assistance to help protect our St Basil's community.

Over the past week we have been meeting with our residents, either during our regular 'Let's Talk' meetings, or one-on-one to discuss what living with COVID-19 will mean for them, and explain how we are working to keep them safe.

We are using the following 'Living with COVID-19' fact sheets to support these conversations. Please click on the links below to find out more:

[Living with COVID-19 for St Basil's residents](#)

[Living with COVID-19 for St Basil's residents \(Greek\)](#)

## All visitors must be fully vaccinated from 6 December

As we outlined last week, the SA Government has directed that anyone entering an aged care facility in SA that is over 12 years and 2 months of age from 6 December 2021, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless they have a medical exemption.

This means that you will **not be able to enter a St Basil's site from 6 December, unless you have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccination – or have a valid medical exemption.**

Although a third booster dose is not currently mandatory - it is strongly recommended.

## What can you do to help us?

- If you have a loved one at St Basil's and **you do not intend to be vaccinated against COVID-19** and do not have a valid medical exemption, please chat to your Residential Manager so we can work together to ensure you can continue to spend time with your loved one outside of our site.
- If you have a loved one at St Basil's and **you are fully vaccinated**, please provide your Government COVID-19 Digital Certificate (or medical exemption) to our reception staff when you next visit, or email it to: Aegean Village - [avadmin@stbasils.com.au](mailto:avadmin@stbasils.com.au), Croydon Park - [croydon@stbasils.com.au](mailto:croydon@stbasils.com.au) or St Peters - [stpeters@stbasils.com.au](mailto:stpeters@stbasils.com.au)

If you think that you may qualify for a medical exemption, please chat to your medical practitioner.

## Can interstate visitors enter our sites?

Visitors from other States must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to enter South Australia and the SA Government has put in place mandated directions for those entering a high risk setting (this includes all aged care facilities).

Visitors that have been in another State in the past 14 days, **can only enter a St Basil's site following a risk assessment** by the site's Clinical or Residential Manager.

## What can you do to help us?

- If you have been to another State in the past 14 days, please review the link below and contact your St Basil's site before you visit, so we can arrange for a risk assessment to take place.

For more information about the current SA Government COVID-19 risk levels and restrictions, please to go to: [www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/travel/entrycheck-sa](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/travel/entrycheck-sa).

## COVID-19 booster vaccinations

A reminder that the COVID-19 booster clinic for residents at Aegean Village will be held during the week commencing 29 November and we will confirm which day the vaccination clinic is taking place as soon as we have been advised. We are still waiting to receive confirmation of the dates for Croydon Park and St Peters.

All residents that have provided consent will receive the Pfizer vaccine and residents that have not been vaccinated, or require a second dose, can also receive their vaccination at the COVID-19 booster clinic.

All residents (or their substitute decision maker) will be required to provide written consent before residents receive their COVID-19 booster vaccination.

Although a third booster dose is not mandatory - it is strongly recommended.

To find out more about the COVID-19 booster vaccination, please review the following fact sheet that is also available at your site's COVID Information Hub:

### [COVID-19 booster vaccination information for residents of aged care facilities](#)

#### What can you do to help us?

If you are a resident (or substitute decision maker) **we need to receive a signed [COVID-19 booster vaccination consent form](#) from you as soon as possible.**

Consent forms are also available at your site's COVID Information Hub and can be returned to the reception desk or via email:

- Aegean Village - [avadmin@stbasils.com.au](mailto:avadmin@stbasils.com.au)
- Croydon Park - [croydon@stbasils.com.au](mailto:croydon@stbasils.com.au)
- St Peters - [stpeters@stbasils.com.au](mailto:stpeters@stbasils.com.au)

If you need more information, please chat to nursing staff or the Residential Manager at your site.

## Let's all reduce the risk of COVID entering our sites

Now more than ever, it's important to follow the COVID safe rules when visiting St Basil's:

- Ensure you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and have provided us with your vaccine certificate
- Wash your hands when you arrive and wear a face mask
- Check-in using the COVID Safe App and sign-in at reception
- Maintain social distancing and only meet with your loved ones in areas as directed by our staff

Thanks for working with us to help keep our St Basil's community safe!



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### Need to know more?

Stay up to date from a trusted government source, such as the:

- [Australian Government COVID-19 vaccine website](#)
- 24-hour National COVID-19 support line on **Ph 1800 020 080**

If you have any questions or need more information about the management of COVID-19 at St Basil's, please talk to your site's Residential or Care Manager, or email our Chief Executive Michelle Church at: [ce@stbasils.com.au](mailto:ce@stbasils.com.au)