

Moana House & Village

Newsletter: Special Edition 4



8th May 2020

We are almost there but we must keep strong. Although Moana House has not had any evidence of the virus to date, the next stage will also be critical. Staff are saying, “ but we haven’t got it here we must be able to let the residents get closer together and open up for more opportunities.” There are several risks, the least not being that staff, while they are being very conscientious with hand hygiene, distancing , coughing/sneezing etiquette and surface cleansing, they are also out in their different bubbles, going to the supermarket and undertaking life outside Moana House, that does provide additional risk for our vulnerable residents. It is not known if there are asymptomatic people in our mist. We continue to follow the advice of the experts and patience is a difficult lesson for many of us.

What will level 2 look like for us?

We have not yet been given the absolute advice regarding this but as a heads up

The key will be infection control and thus some continuance of what we have come to learn as normal processes with hand hygiene, distancing and etiquette.

Tracking of visitors will be essential: There will be two public entrances to our building, both have a camera and all visitors must sign in/out with contact details.

Visitor numbers will be restricted in total for the facility and per person.

Each resident/client will only be able to have one visitor at a time for a maximum of half an hour. Until notified otherwise visitors will be limited to two persons per individual and must be over the age of 16. These visits will be in the individuals rooms. In extenuating circumstances (eg distance of travel or end of life visits) the senior nurse or General Manager may review the criteria on discussion.

It is appreciated that the numbers of people wanting to visit may exceed demand on space in the early stages so we ask that you ideally ring to plan your time.

Do not visit if you have any respiratory symptoms

You will be required to ensure hand hygiene

You will be required to maintain 2 metre distancing

Masks:

There continues to be discussion about masks nationally and it is understood that there has been recent research completed in New Zealand regarding this. At this stage the use of masks without a valid reason is not recommended. Refer back to the comments in special edition newsletter 3. The main reasons to wear one is if you have respiratory symptoms and thus you wouldn't be anywhere near Moana House or if a person is caring for an infected person. The problems with masks are they can get wet and thus lose their integrity or the minute you put something on your face you tend to fiddle with it and again your defence is lost.

International Nurses Day

Florence Nightingale

Born 12th May 200 years ago

How would she have managed COVID-19



8th May skittles competition was fierce and won by Olwen by 1.

10th May will be sweet for some. Happy Mothers day



Day care:

I have no guidance regarding this at level 2 yet.

The major concern is physical distancing of 2 metres. Remember that people within the Moana House bubble have been with a stable environment but to introduce the 'new' people back from the community who are equally vulnerable will be an issue. We were managing with maximum capacity each day prior to lockdown with increasing demand on the service. Our lounge and dining room areas have been reorganised to ensure good spacing. Introducing additional day care clients into the up-spaces is going to be a challenge and we may need to totally relook at the whole way that we offer the service. We do appreciate that there is a significant need in the community and we will endeavour to accommodate people as best we can. As soon as we get some advice from the Ministry and the DHB we will get back to those who have been receiving day care services with us.