

I regret to say that Fairseat has recorded its first positive Covid-19 cases. Our information is verbal at this stage but we have no reason to doubt it. Michael and Rosemary have been feeling unwell for about a fortnight and their doctor ordered Covid tests for them both in case they needed to be hospitalised. These were both returned as positive.

As a result of this, we need to put into place our “Emergency Covid Plan” and the effect that it has on Fairseat is quite profound.

- a. We suspend all social events until further notice. This means that:
 - i. Copacabana is cancelled for Friday morning.
 - ii. No boules on Friday afternoon
 - iii. No LINK meeting on Saturday morning
 - iv. No Clock Golf on Sunday morning.
 - v. No Crosswords, Scrabble or Croquet on Monday.
 - vi. By Monday we hope to have a better understanding of the situation and will let you know the next step then.

- b. Instruct that all residents
 - i. **avoid visiting each other** in the short term whilst we await clarification of the situation
 - ii. **have their meals served in their residences**
 - iii. to take exercise around the perimeter but with masks and maintaining safe distancing
 - iv. otherwise remain in their residences until the situation is clarified.
 - v. try to avoid unnecessary close contact with their carer if at all possible
 - vi. **cancel all visitors**
 - vii. **cancel all outings. Anyone seeking an exemption must see Ben personally**

- c. Instruct all staff
 - i. To be extra careful with their contacts with other staff
 - ii. To be extra careful to avoid unnecessary close contact with their residents if at all possible
 - iii. To strictly maintain all covid protocols

In the meantime, we will be:

- a. Informing Michael & Rosemary’s family – If you know them, please do not contact them without speaking to me first.
- b. Examining our records for recent contacts, visitors and outings.
- c. Requesting that all residents think carefully about when they might have visited, or had contact with, Mike & Rosemary over the last 2 weeks. Please write this down and give it to Ben as soon as possible.
- d. Identifying which staff, and residents, if necessary, should be tested for Covid in the first phase.

All this will keep us quite busy and I expect that by Monday we will be in a better position to plan the next step. As far as Mike & Rosemary are concerned, they are actually feeling better than they were earlier in the week. They have been seen by two different doctors in the last fortnight but they will be put onto a new medication plan now that we have a positive covid test result and we hope that they will make a full recovery.

Anyone with problems, questions or suggestions should contact Ben in the first place.