

24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**New Zealand remains at the “Red” traffic light setting under the COVID-19 Protection Framework. The next review of the traffic light settings is on 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

The Government has advised that at 11:59pm on Friday 25 March 2022, the traffic light system is changing to make it simpler.

At Settlers Village *the following will apply from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April:*

### **Staff and Contractors**

- All our staff are double vaccinated. Vaccine mandates for staff and contractors to the village remain in place.
- Contractors (including private health care staff) must continue to be double vaccinated to enter the village.
- Residents wishing to bring in a contractor privately must continue to gain permission from the Village manager.
- All contractors must sign in at the reception desk on our VisTab system and provide evidence of their vaccination status.
- Our RAT testing protocol for village staff will continue.

### **Residents**

- All residents can use the communal areas, irrespective of vaccine status.
- Face masks must still be worn in indoor communal settings, apart from when eating, drinking and exercising.
- My Vaccine passes will no longer be required.
- All the standard infection control practices should be followed, handwashing, social distancing, stay home if unwell etc.
- The Café is open as normal between 10.00am-2.00pm each day, masks must be worn whilst ordering at the counter.
- Dinners will be served on Wednesday and Friday; bookings are required by 11.00am the day before.
- The bar remains closed until further notice. For the dinners or gatherings in the lodge we will operate a BYO during the time that the bar is closed.
- The hairdresser will operate as normal however social distancing and the use of masks by staff is mandatory.

- The shopping bus will operate as normal, masks use is mandatory whilst using this service.
- Some residents have a mask exemption, and this should be respected.

### **Visitors**

- All visitors can recommence using the communal areas with the usual requirement of being accompanied by a resident remaining in place.
- The need for visitors to scan the QR code on entry will be removed.
- My Vaccine passes will no longer be required.
- We do recommend all visitors to the village and dwellings are double vaccinated and have received booster shot as well.
- The Omicron variant has been identified as being more contagious so all precautions possible to reduce the risk of it getting into the village should be observed.
- There is no restriction on age or numbers of visitors into resident dwellings.
- The use of masks by visitors is mandatory when inside any communal areas of apartment blocks or townhouses, when travelling to the dwelling.
- Masks are mandatory in the community center, except when eating or drinking and on the village bus. We also encourage the use of masks for outdoor activities.
- Masks will not be required to be worn at the pool or in the gym.
- Some residents have a mask exemption, and this should be respected.

### **Sales**

- Please call Linda on 0800 102 652 to make an appointment to view.

These changes reflect the current environment, with the Omicron variant still being widespread in the community. Please note that if a new variant emerges, these settings and rules may change again.

At all times, staff, residents, contractors, and visitors are expected to follow published hygiene guidelines which include washing your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds) and drying them thoroughly; coughing or sneezing into your elbow or cover your mouth and nose with tissues; avoid touching your face, including your eyes, nose, or mouth if your hands are not clean and to clean surfaces regularly eg. door handles and phones.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Settlers Village**