

COVID-19 UPDATE – 5 AUGUST 2020

To: Brighter Access Participants, Families, Support Coordinators, NDIS Providers & stakeholders

From: Tanya Fox, Chief Executive Officer

The changing face of the COVID-19 pandemic demands that we closely monitor Health recommendations, particularly those specifically directed at disability support providers.

In line with NSW Health Department recommendations anyone who has travelled to COVID-19 Hot Spots will be:

1. excluded from visiting or working in any Brighter Access facilities or workplace,
2. restricted from face-to-face contact with any Brighter Access participants or staff.

Due to the rapid escalation in Hot Spots being identified we are guided by NSW Health and are applying the above restrictions for people to self-isolate, get tested immediately and monitor for symptoms.

NSW Health Latest COVID-19 News and Updates details locations classified as:

- Self-isolate and get tested immediately
- Monitor for symptoms
- Increased testing and surveillance

As Hot Spot locations are rapidly changing, current Health advice must be referred to for guidance daily. <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/disability-support.aspx>

The following measures also remain in place:

- Social Distancing – maintaining a safe distance
- Good and thorough hygiene practices
- Regular cleaning procedures
- Ensuring people stay home if sick

This will be a changing space and due to the risk that may exist within different communities at different times, we may have more or less restrictions in place within each location or service type.

From Friday 7/8/20 Brighter Access will have face masks available for staff to wear. We strongly recommend that any visitors to our properties also wear a mask.

All decisions are made following consultation with stakeholders and completion of risk assessments that consider each participant, staff and others they may be in regular contact with. i.e. risks may be greater if a participant resides in a home with other vulnerable people.

The COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving and Brighter Access's responses will continue to be reviewed daily. I thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Tanya Fox.
CEO