# A COVID Safe Christmas

For many of us, this Christmas will look a little different as a result of the pandemic. We are still enthusiastically celebrating Christmas and the New Year with residents and clients across our homes and services, however we are required to comply with New South Wales and Queensland government health directives.

We have developed a COVID safe Christmas plan at Whiddon, to help keep everyone safe while celebrating the festive season. We know how important these celebrations are to residents and clients. This plan helps us to deliver celebrations and events in a safe way.

# Christmas parties in our care homes

Residents will be able to celebrate the festive season with the usual Christmas parties held in our homes. However, due to restrictions around the number of people gathering and social distancing requirements, we may be unable to invite family and friends to these parties this year.

Our teams are working hard to make our celebrations meaningful, fun and exciting for residents and clients. We will share photos on our social media channels to keep you up-to-date with the celebrations taking place.

### Booking in to see your loved one to celebrate Christmas

Families and friends are encouraged to book in for individual Christmas celebrations with their loved ones which will be facilitated in their rooms, an outdoor area or other suitable designated location within the home.

# **Community Care Christmas parties**

We are unable to host large Christmas parties for our Community Care clients. However, we will look at ways to celebrate in smaller groups, in safe locations.

# **Christmas Day outings**

If residents wish to leave their home to visit family or friends, we will complete a risk assessment to ensure that all risks are identified and managed appropriately. You may be asked a range of questions to help identify these risks. Your Director Care Services will be able to discuss this with you.

# **Retirement living village celebrations**

Celebrations for residents in our retirement villages will be at their discretion.

Although 2020 will be a different Christmas for many us, we will do our best to celebrate with our Whiddon family as best as we can to bring joy and happiness for those we care for during this time.







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