**Procedure For Essential Visitor**

**From 20/07/21**

The Government want to ensure every resident nominates an Essential Visitor (EV) who works alongside the professional members of the Care Team.

The EV will be allowed to visit the resident in their room. However, we must ensure the safety of everyone, so there are instructions from the Government which must be followed.

**These are:**

1. It is recommended that the EV is double vaccinated.
2. That they have a minimum of 2 Lateral Flow tests (LFT’s) per week. Our Unique Organisational Number (10119345), must be used for registering all the tests on their phone.
3. One of the LFT’s to be followed by a PCR test – this is the more accurate test, and must be done once a week, at Rockdale, the same day as the staff are tested. This will be a variable day. Tests are done at Rockdale between 7.30am and 2pm.
4. Result will be received within 2-3 days via email.
5. **NO TEST, NO VISIT –** we have to ensure all essential visitors are negative.

On arrival at Rockdale for a visit the procedure is:

1. Temperature taken on entry.
2. Wash hands with soap and water and/or sanitize with alcohol gel.
3. Put on apron, tie tapes
4. Put on mask, mould to shape of face.
5. Put on gloves.
6. Visit Resident in room

Once visit over:

1. Remove gloves.
2. Clean Hands.
3. Unfasten, or break ties at the neck of apron and let the apron fold down on itself. Break ties at waist and fold apron on itself – do not touch – this will be contaminated.
4. Clean hands.
5. Remove Face Mask, only handle the ties.