

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR BOARDING/ROOMING HOUSE RESIDENTS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PERIOD**

Boarding houses contain residents from a wide variety of backgrounds and locations who live together using shared facilities. As a result, the risk of transmitting the coronavirus is possibly greater than in a traditional, nuclear family setting in which family members have lived together for much of their lives.

As a resident of a boarding house, you have a responsibility during this difficult period to protect the health and welfare of your fellow residents, as well as your own. So, as much as possible you should maintain appropriate distancing from other residents. It is of great importance that you try to ensure the strictest standards of hygiene when you are using common areas, particularly kitchen facilities and utensils. You should frequently wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before using common facilities. During this difficult period of the pandemic, it is highly undesirable for you to introduce any visitors to the boarding house.

If you show any signs of infection with the coronavirus (such as fever, cough, sore throat), you should immediately get tested and in the meantime maintain complete isolation from other residents by remaining in your room at all times that you are inside the house. You should also cease to use any communal facilities, including the kitchen and dining areas.

Residents should notify management immediately if they are diagnosed as positive for the coronavirus and therefore medically required to remain isolated for up to 14 days. This is to facilitate the protection of other residents of the house. Boarding houses have high levels of shared facilities, including kitchens, and residents may have to serve out isolation in more appropriate facilities that are better suited to quarantining and that can cater for full isolation without exposing other residents to the risk of infection.

So, to summarise:

- ) Wash hands frequently
- ) Maintain appropriate distancing from other residents
- ) No visitors whatsoever
- ) If symptoms, get tested and isolate pending results
- ) If tested positive, notify manager or owner and seek more suitable premises for isolation.

(owner)

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