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Dear Residents

Covid-19 Update #9 – Closure of The Pier gym on Saturday 1 August

The NSW government has announced [changes](#) to gym management to reduce the risk of COVID transmission. The Pier's Strata Committee and Building Management have been advised that the new measures, including the introduction of Gym Safe Hygiene Marshals, are to apply to ALL gyms including those within a strata property. We expect the official orders to be issued shortly and apply from midnight tonight.

Therefore, the gym will be closed on Saturday 1 August until further notice. At this stage the pool, sauna and spa will remain open.

We continue to be guided by the same principles we've used throughout COVID-19:

- Taking a cautious approach by following government health mandates and determining how best they apply in The Pier's circumstances
- Acting in a manner that allows us to maintain a safe and healthy environment on The Pier that doesn't put others at risk. We have a large number of high risk category residents.

What are the changes?

From 12.01am Saturday 1 August 2020, all NSW gyms and fitness centres are required to register their COVID Safety Plan and have a dedicated COVID-19 Safe Hygiene Marshal on duty at all times.

The marshal is required to maintain social distancing, ensure that all users clean equipment after use, make hand sanitiser available to all users and ensure all contact details are recorded accurately.

Direct enquiries to the Services NSW COVID team by both The Pier's Strata Committee secretary and building management confirmed the new rules as they currently stand include strata schemes. So we've decided to close the gym as we're not in a position to meet these requirements now. As more details become available, we'll consider the matter further, but it seems the additional costs of a Hygiene Marshal will be significant, even if we reduce opening hours.

The final NSW Health Order addressing these changes is yet to be published so there may be further changes and/or clarification once we have full details.

Reminder of other COVID practices

Notification by Residents Self-Isolating or undergoing COVID-19 tests

Please advise the Concierge if:

- You are under mandatory self-isolation
- You have undergone a COVID-19 test and are awaiting results
- You have a positive test for COVID-19.

We appreciate that some of you may think this is intrusive and be assured that we're not going to disseminate this information to other residents. But the reality of this pandemic is that we're all in this together and we're trying to put all of us in the best position to manage whatever risks or events may arise.

Social Distancing in Lifts

If you're waiting for a lift and there's someone else in the lift when it arrives, we ask that you do not enter but wait for an empty lift to arrive.

At the risk of severe repetition - please also wash your hands with soap immediately after you enter your apartment as a key step in keeping your home environment free of the virus.

Pool, Sauna, Spa and Pool decks remain open

The first requirement is **to sign-in to allow for contact tracing** should an issue arise. We ask residents to register their arrival and departure time in the visitor book which is at the entrance to the pool.

Pool

- Use the pool for exercise or recreation purposes – not social – with one (1) person per lane when swimming or walking laps
- Residents who live together on The Pier (a “residence group”) may use the pool as a group, but only if possible while respecting the clear space of persons already present doing laps.
- Limit of 30 minutes per person per day.

Sauna and Spa

- The sauna is less than 4sqm, therefore only one person or residence group may use the sauna. If using the sauna, please make sure that you (and all users) sit or lie on a towel.
- One person or residence group in the spa at a time and please limit your time to 30 minutes if others are waiting.

Pool decks

- The pool decks are outside areas and accordingly are open, with the 4sqm rule in place.

General

- Only Pier residents are allowed to use pool, spa and sauna (to minimise health issues brought in from non-residents).
- Shower at home with soap before you go to the pool, spa or sauna.
- Use the hand sanitiser near the doors.
- The shower and change rooms on the pool level will not be available for the time being.
- Ambulant toilet on the pool level will be available for emergencies.
- Physical distancing - stay 1.5m apart.
- Once finished swimming/exercising, please leave the area immediately.

Latest information

To help all of us stay across the latest government health information, here is a useful [link](#). Our website The Pier/COVID-19 also has the latest COVID updates.

We share a responsibility to contribute to a safe environment for us all, and we thank you all for your cooperation over the last few months.

The Pier Strata Committee