

Dear Residents and Representatives,

I can confirm that Meath Care is currently affected by a positive COVID case at Dr Mary Surveyor Centre (“DMSC”) in Kingsley. **Accordingly, the Centre is now closed to all visitors except for the families of loved ones at the end of life.**

The case involves one of our staff members who tested positive yesterday (2 March 2022). While they have not worked at DMSC since 26 February 2022, we cannot exclude the possibility that they were infectious on that day.

Consequently, we have implemented our pandemic management plan, which in addition to closing the Centre, involves communicating and coordinating with a variety of government bodies and following public health and medical guidance.

The area that the staff member worked in was Darch (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) and we have undertaken preliminary RATs for all residents. I am pleased to confirm that **all residents’ RATs returned negative**. As an early indicator, this is very good news. However, Clinipath will attend site tomorrow to carry out PCR testing to ensure our community is safeguarded.

In addition to those tests, while we are closed to visitors, our staff members at DMSC will all undertake RAT on site before each shift. This is the distinction between using RAT for health monitoring and using RAT to manage an outbreak.


As you can imagine, the current situation places a lot of extra pressure on our staff and resources. To alleviate that pressure, it is appreciated if you avoid contacting the Centre except in urgent circumstances.

Our aim is to limit the duration of the Centre being closed to as short a period as possible, but right now we must keep our community safe while continuing to deliver the care and services to meet residents’ needs. We will provide regular updates via email, on our website, and where necessary by text message.

Although this only affects DMSC, I have communicated this to contacts of both Centres as part of our commitment to transparency and to demonstrate the steps we would need to take if we had a positive case at Michael Lee Centre.

Thank you for your cooperation at this time and I shall provide an update tomorrow.

With best wishes,



**Chris Roberts**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Conditions of visiting, from 3 March 2022

### Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley

- The Centre is closed to Visitors until further notice

### Michael Lee Centre, Como

- All visitors must **wear a mask at all times** within the Centre;
- All visitors must be **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 or have a valid exemption;
- Visitors must declare that they have undertaken **Rapid Antigen Testing** in the **previous 4 hours** and have a **negative** result (NB - daily visitors - in the previous 72 hours);
- A **maximum of 2 visitors** at any time, and a **maximum of 2 visitors** per day;
- Visits must either occur in the **resident's room** or in **outside areas**;
- Visitors must practise social distancing, hand hygiene, and cough etiquette; and
- Visitors must not visit if they are **unwell**, been in **contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case**, or visited a **potential COVID-19 exposure site**.
- Visitors must not visit if they have been **overseas in the preceding 7 days**.