

Dear Residents and Representatives,

After the news yesterday that 2 of our residents had returned positive RATs, today's update is below:

- Of the 2 residents who tested positive on RAT yesterday, only 1 tested positive through PCR. The resident whose PCR was negative has today returned a positive RAT again. As such, both residents remain in isolation as a precaution and are asymptomatic.
- All other residents in Karri and Tuart tested negative by RAT this morning and are asymptomatic.
- We extended testing using RATs to Sheoak and Tyalla as a precaution and all residents tested negative by RAT this morning and are asymptomatic. This is due to there being a staff member who had worked in both areas earlier this week.
- Clinipath have indicated that they will not undertake mass PCR screening due to there being only one positive PCR result. However, the resident with the negative PCR will repeat their PCR. We are working closely with Public Health and Clinipath to ensure appropriate testing.
- All Tuart and Karri residents will undertake RATs tomorrow and continue to be regularly monitored for symptoms of COVID-19.
- In addition to the residents, we have one staff member who has tested positive. They are administrative staff and had been isolating since being notified that they were a close contact. Due to their work location, this case is viewed as an extremely low risk to residents. Our staff member has today developed a fever but has not required medical treatment.
- We have increased staffing on all shifts in Tuart and Karri until further notice to manage the additional workload involved in outbreak nursing. We can achieve this without using any furloughed critical workers.

There has been significant response by relatives who wish to be deemed essential visitors – these will be determined at Centre level, but essential visitors will be restricted to one visitor per resident per day to Tuart and Karri. Visits to other areas remain subject to the general conditions.

Essential visitors to Tuart and Karri will undergo RAT on arrival. They will be escorted to care areas and appropriate instructions and PPE will be provided. Essential visitors must always wear a mask during the visit and cannot leave the resident's room. When the visit is complete, the essential visitor must press the call bell and wait to be escorted from the care area.

If an essential visitor does not comply with the above requirements or other instructions from staff, we will have no choice but to prevent future attendance as an essential visitor.

Management will be reviewing the situation and liaising with Public Health throughout the weekend. We aim to limit the closure of Tuart and Karri to a short period as possible but need to ensure there are no further cases and minimise risk of transmission to others – especially as we see the high case numbers in Perth.

Thank you for your support at this time and we will provide further updates as information is available.

With best wishes,



Chris Roberts
Chief Executive Officer

Conditions of visiting, from 10 March 2022

Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley

- 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**.

Michael Lee Centre, Como

Tuart and Karri

- These areas are closed to Visitors (except Partners in Care / Essential Visitors); and
- Partners in Care and Essential Visitors will undertake **Rapid Antigen Testing** on entry.

All other areas (Jarrah, Sandalwood, Olive, Wattle, Sheoak, and Tyalla)

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It is further recommended that visits to these areas are short in duration and preferably involve only one visitor at a time.