

Dear Residents and Representatives,

As we again see record cases in the community, there is a reasonable amount of COVID related activity at Meath Care following discussions with Public Health earlier today.

Michael Lee Centre

We can start with good news – the residents in the Sheoak/Tyalla area who were close contacts to visitors have now completed their isolation. Further to this and the negative results from the screening earlier this week, Public Health have stated that they do not intend to rescreen that area.

However, we have been advised that a resident in the Tuart/Karri area is a close contact and they have been placed into isolation. Due to this, Clinipath have provisionally planned to screen Tuart and Karri tomorrow (31 March) and then again on 3 April (Sunday).

I'd like to express my gratitude to those visitors who informed us as soon as possible that their loved ones are close contacts. While pleasingly none of the close contacts we were made aware of have later tested positive, it is important information that assists us to act and manage the increased risk.

Dr Mary Surveyor Centre

We are yet to receive the results from the PCR testing yesterday on Darch and Shenton, but I can confirm that we have had a second **resident on Darch test positive today by RAT**. The resident was tested due to developing symptoms this morning but is stable and remains on Darch. Our other previously affected resident is recovering well and is now much improved.

The situation is compounded by 2 staff who have worked in this area testing positive in the last 48 hours. In response, Public Health have provisionally planned to screen Darch on 1 April (Friday) and again on 5 April (next Tuesday).

Please note that the planned screening dates at both Centres are subject to change in the event there are any further positive cases, but we will communicate any updates to the screening.

There are now over 41,000 active cases known in the Perth metropolitan area and I'm sure everyone knows someone who has been affected: a friend, colleague, family member. Please take care and take all precautions to look after yourselves and therefore us all.

With best wishes,



Chris Roberts
Chief Executive Officer

Conditions of visiting, from 28 March 2022

Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley

Darch (second floor)

- This area is closed to Visitors (except Partners in Care / Essential Visitors); and
- Partners in Care and Essential Visitors will undertake **Rapid Antigen Testing** on entry.

Shenton (first floor) and Perry (third floor)

- 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;
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