

Dear Residents and Representatives,

Please find below a brief update relating to COVID-19 at Meath Care for 20 April 2022.

### **Dr Mary Surveyor Centre**

Following PCR screening yesterday, I can confirm that there were **2 new positive results returned**. These new cases are part of the outbreak cluster on Shenton and bring the **number of current active cases to 10 residents**.

The encouraging news is that we have now had 3 rounds of screening on Darch since their last affected resident fully recovered. Consequently, we no longer need to include this area in our regular screening (see below).

Clinipath will be returning to rescreen residents on Shenton on 22 April (Friday).

### **Michael Lee Centre**

We can now confirm that all residents on Sheoak/Tyalla and Olive/Wattle returned negative results from the PCR screening on Monday. Clinipath will be rescreening Olive/Wattle tomorrow.

As you will have observed, there are some areas that are included in the screening and some that are not. Aside from screening our areas where there are affected residents, the other areas screened are sites where there has been potential exposure through staff or a visitor testing positive within 48 hours of having been in that area.

We appreciate the inconvenience of regular testing to residents, but we must manage the risk as diligently as possible. Similarly, while the definition of community close contact became looser last Thursday, due to our vulnerable population we have retained the previous tighter definition of close contact for our staff.

Thank you to everybody who has now returned the consent forms for the winter dose booster vaccines. This has assisted greatly in the planning for administering these. If you haven't yet been able to return the consent form, please can this be arranged at the earliest opportunity.

Most of the residents will be able to receive the booster vaccine from their usual GP / nurse practitioner, and some already have been administered the boosters, although we have requested an in-reach team to attend the Dr Mary Surveyor Centre as well.

Thank you for your continued support and patience at this time.

With best wishes,



**Chris Roberts**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Conditions of visiting, from 15 April 2022

### Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley

#### Shenton (first 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.

#### Darch (second 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;
- 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**; and
- Visitors who have been **overseas in the preceding 7 days** need to **inform us of their overseas travel on entry**.

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