

21 June 2022

Dear Residents and Representatives,

Please find an update relating to the COVID-19 situation at Meath Care below.

Michael Lee Centre, Como

I begin today's update with a **new resident case in the Jarrah/Sandalwood area**. After a resident displayed mild symptoms this morning, our nurses performed a RAT that returned a positive result. While we await the PCR result to confirm, the number of affected residents is now **4 confirmed cases**.

Clinipath attended the Centre this morning as planned and have completed screening for residents in the Jarrah/Sandalwood area by PCR testing.

Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley

The Centre remains free from any resident cases.

Communication of PCR test results

Since COVID entered our Centres earlier this year, in keeping with our outbreak management plan, we have communicated PCR results to the first next of kin via SMS. For most testing we have received the results within 24 hours, although on occasion it has taken 48 hours for us to receive all results.

As the first next of kin, if there has been PCR screening and you have not received any notification, then this will mean one of two things:

1. Your relative was absent for the testing or declined to participate – in which case our nurses attempt to test using a RAT kit; or
2. Your relative has had COVID and are following public health protocols where they are not generally included in subsequent PCR screening at the Centres for a period of 12 weeks.

We understand that it is a worrying time when COVID is in the facility, so if you are the first next of kin and have any concerns about test results, please contact the Centre.

COVID remains a threat in WA, and we must continue to use the best precautions at our Centres due to the vulnerability of our population. However, it is reassuring that the peak number of community cases of 91,162 was seen a month ago and has now reduced to 29,277.

This is still a high number in terms of risk, and it is inevitable that we will see further cases at Meath Care. We are extremely grateful to those people who have informed us if they test positive within 48 hours of visiting a Centre; this allows us to act quickly to minimise potential risk to residents.

We will provide the next update when the results from today's PCR screening are known. In the meantime, thank you for continuing to support and assist our community in keeping safe.

With best wishes,



Chris Roberts
Chief Executive Officer

General visiting hours

Monday-Friday: 0900-1600 hours

Saturday / Sunday / Public Holidays: 1000-1500 hours

Visiting outside these hours can be arranged – please discuss with the Centre Manager

Conditions of visiting, from 14 June 2022

Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley

All areas

- 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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Jarrah/Sandalwood

- 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.

Olive/Wattle, Sheoak/Tyalla, and Tuart/Karri

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