

20 July 2022

Dear Residents and Representatives,

Please find an update on our COVID-19 situation at both Centres.

**Michael Lee Centre, Como**

The PCR screening held yesterday identified a **further 2 resident cases in the Jarrah/Sandalwood area**. No other new cases were identified in the other areas tested.

The active caseload at the Centre **remains at 10 cases** following the recovery of the previously affected residents in Olive/Wattle. As there are no remaining cases in the Olive/Wattle area, we are pleased to revert our **visiting conditions to the minimum permitted under the public health directives**.

Clinipath will be returning to the Centre on 22 July (Friday) to rescreen residents in Jarrah/Sandalwood and Tuart/Karri.

**Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley**

The PCR screening held yesterday identified a **further 2 resident cases on Perry**. There were no cases identified in Shenton, which was the other area screened.

These newly identified cases increase the active caseload at the Centre **to 5 cases; with Perry being the only area affected**.

Clinipath will be returning to the Centre on 22 July (Friday) to rescreen residents on Perry only.

The current community threat of new variants, reduced reinfection times and greater transmission is clear in our current outbreaks. Perry and Jarrah/Sandalwood both experienced rapid growth in cases in the initial outbreak period and we have had several residents on Perry become reinfected having previously been affected in May 2022.

The circumstances of rapid onset and high transmission reminds us how quickly situations can change and our need to remain vigilant in all aspects of our lives, but especially when entering the Centres which home our vulnerable population.

There has also been some media discussion relating to the reliability of RATs in the current wave – particularly as they may not detect COVID presence as quickly in highly vaccinated people. Even if your RAT is negative, **please do not visit our Centres if you are unwell**. If that is the case, you should consider getting a PCR to ensure that you are not in an early phase on infection.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance in managing this difficult situation.

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 20 July 2022

### Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley

#### Perry

- 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 and Darch

- 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;
- All visitors must undertake **Rapid Antigen Testing** on entry;
- 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.

#### Tuart/Karri; Olive/Wattle; and Sheoak/Tyalla

- 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
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