

29 July 2022

Dear Residents and Representatives,

Please find an update on the current COVID-19 outbreaks at Meath Care following the latest round of resident screening.

**Michael Lee Centre, Como**

There were **no new cases detected** from the PCR screening yesterday in Jarrah/Sandalwood. There is no change in resident caseload at the Centre since the last update.

Further screening will be undertaken on 31 July (Sunday) by Clinipath in this area to ensure that there are no new cases.

**Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley**

There were **no new cases detected** from the PCR screening yesterday on Perry. As the Centre has no active cases, and yesterday was the third consecutive clear screening, public health will close this outbreak listing.

With public health closing our outbreak, visitors can test by RAT in the 4 hours prior to visiting, rather than at the point of entry.

However, as a further precaution, Clinipath will be returning to the Centre on 31 July (Sunday) to screen residents on Perry.

While it is reassuring that one of the outbreaks is now closed and the other outbreak nears conclusion, we know that future exposures are inevitable. To minimise the risk as much as we can, we need to ensure that we continue taking the necessary precautions. This will not guarantee that future outbreaks are avoided, but it will assist in reducing the frequency and intensity of those situations.

On a more optimistic note, with likelihood of outbreaks in residential care being proportionate to the community caseload, after the recent wave we have now started to see a decline in community cases over the last week. This is encouraging, but we must remain vigilant to protect each other.

Finally, we have received several pieces of positive feedback recently. We are always grateful for feedback but receiving such kind words during this challenging time has been a wonderful boost for everyone at Meath Care.

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 28 July 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**.

### Michael Lee Centre, Como

#### 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

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