

8 August 2022

Dear Residents and Representatives,

Please find an update on our COVID situation at Meath Care.

**Michael Lee Centre, Como**

There are **no active cases** at the Centre.

**Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley**

The PCR testing yesterday on Shenton **identified 1 new case.**

In addition to the new case on Shenton, **a resident on Darch has been found to be COVID positive** earlier today. This was detected by RAT after the resident expressed that they felt unwell.

Consequently, we are required to **limit visiting to Essential Visitors on Darch** until we have been able to assess the level of affected residents using PCR.

Unfortunately, Clinipath cannot attend the Centre before 10 August (Wednesday), when they will screen residents on Darch and Shenton by PCR. However, in the meantime, we have screened residents on Darch using RAT and all other residents returned a negative result.

These 2 new cases increase the **active caseload at the Centre to 7 residents.** The 6 residents located on Shenton are all asymptomatic, while the resident on Darch identified using RAT has respiratory symptoms. All affected residents remain being cared for at the Centre.

Thank you to all visitors for their continued support during the current challenge, especially their understanding of the situation requiring us to restrict visiting where we have confirmed cases.

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 8 August 2022

### Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley

#### Shenton (Ground floor) and Darch

- 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.

#### Perry

- 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

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