

20 September 2022

Dear Residents and Representatives,

We are pleased to confirm that there are no active resident or staff cases associated with our Centres.

We have continued to screen asymptomatic residents by RAT periodically as a precautionary measure, and of course all visitors and staff are also testing using RAT prior to entering the Centres.

The latest caseload figures show that Western Australia has fallen below the threshold for the high community setting with 3,615 active cases as of 16 September 2022. Epidemiologically, the case numbers are lower in WA with 1.3 cases per 1,000 people compared to 2.5 cases per 1,000 people in the rest of the country.

However, the latest figures in WA should be accepted with caution from an aged care perspective as there was an increase in numbers of cases in residential aged care between 8 and 14 September 2022.

On balance, given the reduction in community caseload, we consider that there should be some reduction in restrictions at the Centres, but this needs to occur in systematic stages to responsibly manage potential risk. The first stage will take effect immediately and reduces the frequency of RAT for visitors.

All visitors are now required to declare that they have returned a negative result by RAT in the preceding 72 hours and are free from symptoms of COVID.

We are hopeful that we will be able to make further changes in the coming weeks, but please be aware that this will depend on the community caseload and / or any exposures at the Centres.

As always, we very much appreciate all assistance and suggestions that you bring to Meath Care. With COVID-19 receding, it was great to be able to attend some resident meetings at the Dr Mary Surveyor Centre last week and hear from you. We hope that the COVID situation continues to reduce, and I look forward to meeting more people around our sites.

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 September 2022

**Dr Mary Surveyor Centre, Kingsley; and
Michael Lee Centre, Como**

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;
- All visitors must have received a **2022 influenza vaccination** or have a valid exemption;
- Visitors must declare that they have undertaken **Rapid Antigen Testing** in the **previous 72 hours** which returned a **negative** result and that they are free from any COVID symptoms;
- A **maximum of 2 visitors** at any time;
- 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**; and
- Visitors who have tested positive for COVID-19 or are identified as close contacts may only enter our Centres 7 days after testing positive or being identified as a close contact.