

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## Updates



**Kooweerup**  
REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

## Situation Report as at 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Stay safe stay alert

Corona virus is still with us despite the easing of restrictions. We can celebrate the fact Victoria has now recorded 45 days of no new community transmission however we must remain alert and vigilant. The people of Victoria are able to enjoy social interaction, mix with family and friends, visit restaurants, cafes and pubs within a Covid safe requirement.

Victoria has recorded seven internationally acquired cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) diagnosed in people currently in hotel quarantine.

The total number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases reported in Victoria is now 20,352 including those in hotel quarantine.

Today's 14-day average case number for metropolitan Melbourne is 0 and regional Victoria is 0. There have been no new deaths reported, the state's death toll stands at 820.

### Aged Care and Hospital Information

Kooweerup Regional Health Service (KRHS) continues with strict infection control measures and had **no** cases of COVID 19 in residential or hospital consumers.

The staff across the health service continue to deliver high quality care for our consumers, they practice strict daily screening; monitoring for symptoms of ill health with any staff member with even mild symptoms encouraged to be immediately tested. These are some of the-most important things we can currently do to prevent spread of the disease. Strict hand hygiene, wearing surgical masks and maintaining social distancing are continued to be employed while ensuring our consumers continue to receive high quality individual care.

The Covid management team at KRHS continues to review our Covid Safe Plan to ensure we provide a Covid safe environment. As part of implementing COVID normal care, the application of appropriate density numbers to communal spaces such as staff dining rooms and communal areas are undertaken.

To progress towards this outcome we continue to monitor the Premiers announcements and the gradual easing of restrictions and release of DHHS guidance documents.

Aged care has no restrictions on number or ages of visitors. A visitor screening for

symptoms is carried out at the front reception and individual consumer visitor registers on individual room doors. Please contact Unit Managers if you require further information.

KRHS continues to welcome online skype video calls or phone contact by family and friends through a unit based booking system. Please contact the individual units.

Early parenting unit is providing limited face to face, phone and telehealth services. Outpatient services are being provided by limited face to face and telehealth. Community in home services are continuing as normal.

## ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Essential services continue to be able to enter a residential aged care facility with strict screening and wearing of masks

Essential services include:

- Regular staff of the service who provide clinical care, food services, administrative functions and cleaning.
- Other visiting clinical staff such as visiting medical officers such as general practitioners, geriatricians, palliative care physicians and other medical specialists, pharmacy services; specialist nurses; diagnostics services; and allied health services such as physiotherapists. Clinical visits only for essential assessments and management for residents' health conditions, including assessing and managing COVID-19 symptoms
- End of life Care - Our Staff are there to assist you.

**Factsheets are available [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)**

### Pop up Testing Centre

The pop up testing centre, is now running twice per week at the Fire track at the rear of the swimming pool Cochrane park. Asymptomatic Staff testing has been occurring. The clinic continues to be open for appointments.

The testing centre is open Monday, Wednesday 10.00am until 2.00pm. **Bookings can be made on 59979679**

COVID 19 testing continues to be available in surrounding suburbs. Community residents are encouraged to get tested if they have any symptoms no matter how mild, following testing you must **self-isolate** until you receive your result.

## What you need to know

- Stay safe by washing your hands, keep at least 1.5 metres from other people, and stay home if you feel unwell.
- All Victorians must wear a face covering when entering shopping centres or areas where you cannot be physically distant and carry a mask at all times. It does need to cover your nose and mouth. More information can be found on DHHS website [More information on face coverings](#).
- If you have symptoms of coronavirus you should [get tested](#).
- Go home straight after your test and self-isolate while you wait for the results. [Go to the DHHS testing map for locations](#).
- All changes to restrictions and dates are subject to the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer and the continued and effective management of the spread of COVID-19.

## STAYING IN TOUCH

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 [Kooweerup Regional Health Service](#)

**If you think you may have coronavirus disease, please call the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 389. This hotline is serviced by Nurse-on-Call**

**Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies.**

As this is a rapidly changing situation, please visit the Department of Health and Human Services website for the latest updates, including advice on symptoms and precautions.

**For more information -** <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>