

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## Updates



## Situation Report as at 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

In the changing COVID-19 environment, content is often being updated. To ensure you are aware of the most recent changes please check [Department of Health and Human Services Victoria | COVID-19 Chief Health Officer update \(dhhs.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/covid-19)

Eased restrictions came into place at 11:59pm tonight, Thursday 8 July.

There were no new cases of COVID-19 yesterday. This is the eighth day in a row of no new locally acquired cases.

- Face masks will continue to be worn inside in all places where physical distancing is not possible in the Health Service this is anywhere accessible by residents or visitors AND
- Where they may have face-to-face contact with a resident or visitor
- Enhanced focus continues on screening visitors and staff (including non-essential staff and contractors) and continuing daily workforce attestations

## Aged Care and Hospital Information

Kooweerup Regional Health Service (KRHS) has continued with strict infection control measures and had **no** cases of COVID 19 in patients or residents.

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, anyone with even mild symptoms is encouraged to be tested. This is one of 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, to ensure the consumers continue to receive high quality individual care.

The COVID management team at KRHS meet to ensure we are alert and provide a safe environment. To progress towards this outcome we continue to monitor the Premiers announcements and follow guidance documents.

### Residential care

In line with Department of Health guidelines

Visitors are allowed in our hospital and aged care facilities in line with the following requirements:

- A maximum of two visitors for each resident/patient at one time (Visitors can be from different households)
- There is no time limit on visits
- A group may exceed the “two visitors at a time” rule if dependents of a visitor are in the group and alternative care arrangements for the dependents cannot be made
- There is a maximum of five visitors per resident/patient per day, including dependents. This daily maximum does not apply to end of life visits, however only two visitors at a time apply to end of life visits
- Visits from prospective residents are permitted with no more than one person accompanying them
- Enhanced screening and testing on admission or return to facility from leave residents found to have visited listed exposure sites – <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites> -to be tested and managed as at risk COVID-19 until results known.
- Any concerns can be individually discussed with the Unit Manger or contacting the CEO, Ms Noni Bourke 59979761 for appointment. .

All admissions, including Respite, TCP are managed as per protocol.

**Early Parenting Unit** - day program services resumed maintaining the two square meter rule in communal spaces, staff can continue to support clients by phone and telehealth services.

**Outpatient services** – in clinic services have resumed maintaining Covid safety

**Community** in home services are continuing as normal, strict screening is required for staff and client’s health. PPE continues to be worn at these visits.

## COVID 19 testing

Testing continues to be available in surrounding suburbs. [Where to get tested | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

Everyone is encouraged to get tested if they have symptoms no matter how mild, following testing you must **self-isolate** until you receive your result.

## For more information

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. <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

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