



Statement for residents, family, media and community *Tuesday 4 January 2022*

Positive Results COVID -19 at Beechworth Health Service

As a result of precautionary Rapid Antigen Testing undertaken by Staff working during the Christmas and New Year period and following completed PCR testing results, 2 staff have returned positive COVID-19 results.

For the safety of our residents, patients, community and staff, Beechworth Health Service has enacted our outbreak plan and is restricting access to the health service to reduce the risk and ensure the safety of all.

Visiting is currently restricted to end of life care and limited care support reasons. Please call BHS to discuss your personal circumstances.

All community clients have been placed on hold and will be contacted to make arrangements for ongoing care.

There will be some concern and curiosity about the details and no doubt there will be some activity on social and mainstream media. I encourage all to remember our patient, resident and staff privacy and confidentiality commitment and obligations means that we are unable to share any further details about individuals. Our community needs to know we can be trusted in this regard.

I can confirm the following:

- Beechworth Health Service has enacted our outbreak plan for which staff are well trained to implement
- All staff are currently wearing Tier 3 PPE
- We are coordinating our response in accordance with the Hume Region Cluster COVID-19 Response Plan inclusive of Department of Health (DoH) support and Albury Wodonga Public Health Unit
- Contact tracing has commenced
- All key contacts of residents and patients will receive a phone call to inform them of all relevant information.
- BHS has a well-developed and easily accessible staff support program for all staff who wish to access it. Please speak to your line manager in relation to any COVID-19 concerns.

We will keep the community informed by:

- BHS website – go to the news section: www.beechworthhealthservice.com.au
- BHS Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/BeechworthHealthService>

If you have concerns about your own health:

- Please contact your Doctor.



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- You may also call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

You can work with us to minimise transmissions by keeping up to date with information provided by:

- Australian Government Department of Health: www.health.gov.au
- The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Yours sincerely

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