



**BEECHWORTH  
HEALTH SERVICE**

# Memorandum

<b>FROM</b>	BHS COVID-19 Outbreak Management Team
<b>TO</b>	Residents, patients, families and community
<b>DATE</b>	06/01/2022
<b>SUBJECT</b>	COVID-19 update

UPDATE: BHS Response to two staff at BHS have returned positive results for coronavirus COVID -19.

BHS is continuing to enact its Outbreak Management Plan and is coordinating its response with the Albury Wodonga Public Health Unit (AWPHU) and in accordance with Hume Region Cluster COVID-19 Response Plan.

We would like to confirm the following:

- All residents and patient's families and carers have been notified of the situation
- Communication with residents, patients, families/carers, staff and community will be available on a regular basis
- BHS is working closely with the AWPHU and an appropriate response is in place
- All staff are wearing additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Access to the health service is restricted except for staff and essential contractors, and visitors as follows;
  - o Visitors are restricted to end-of-life care and must also wear Tier 3 PPE on site. BHS is seeking advice on RAT for all such visitors upon entry
- Residents, patients and staff health and wellbeing remains a priority for the team
- On site Allied Health and specialist appointments are currently on hold with the exception of clients whose condition will deteriorate without care, and staff are in contact with clients for management of ongoing care where appropriate
- Daily meetings are occurring to review, address and manage the current COVID -19 Status at BHS

Until receive advice from AWPHU, the above measures remain in place.



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We continue to communicate with and work with our residents and families on these and other COVID-19 management related matters.

We strongly encourage anyone with COVID-19 symptoms to get tested.

We also encourage all people to access COVID-19 Vaccinations.

**If you have concerns about your own health:**

- Please contact your Doctor.
- 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](http://www.health.gov.au)
- The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services:  
<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>
- For information about COVID-19, testing and vaccinations:  
<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>

We thank the community, staff, patients and residents for all their ongoing support and understanding to the current situation at the health service.

*COVID-19 Outbreak Management Team*