



BEECHWORTH  
HEALTH SERVICE

# Memorandum

<b>FROM</b>	Outbreak management team (OMT)
<b>TO</b>	Staff, Partners, Residents & Families
<b>DATE</b>	24 April 2023
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Update – COVID status in Stringybark Lodge

The Outbreak Management Team would like to remind all residents, staff and families that the Ovens Murray Public Health Unit (OMPHU) has declared **Stringybark Lodge (SBL) to be in outbreak status**. Daily surveillance is ongoing, and BHS is working closely with OMPHU.

All residents continue to remain well other than some mild/moderate symptoms which are being monitored closely. Appropriate isolation measures are in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19. There is however an increased incidence of COVID-19 being reported in our community. As a consequence, BHS has escalated the use of N95 masks site wide at all times. The use of protective eye wear is required in addition to N95 masks for all close and clinical contact.

An attestation process remains in place at each entry point to BHS for all staff, visitors, volunteers and contractors,

Visitations within visitor guidelines are still in place. As a reminder, visitors to Residential Aged Care (RAC) are required to:

- Make an appointment with front reception by phoning 03 5728 0200
- Demonstrate a negative RAT on the same day of entry to BHS
- Sign in to let us know they are here and are well with no gastro or cold or flu like symptoms
- Personal protection to be worn correctly on site at BHS
  - N95 masks site wide at all times with the addition of eye protection site wide for all close and clinical contact
- Minimise movement within and around the health service especially into and out of SBL.
- Visits within patient / resident rooms or outside in the gardens

Tier 3 PPE remains in place for staff for all initial UCC assessments and all known COVID-19 related care areas.

BHS will continue to communicate as we go. BHS thanks you for your support and flexibility. Please contact our Residential Aged Care Manager (in hours) or one of our afterhours staff if you have any questions.

Regards - Outbreak Management Team