



BEECHWORTH
HEALTH SERVICE

Memorandum

FROM	Outbreak management team (OMT)
TO	Staff, Volunteers & Partners
DATE	22 May 2023
SUBJECT	Update – COVID status remains in Stringybark Lodge

The Outbreak Management Team (OMT) can confirm that Stringybark Lodge remains in outbreak status and BHS continues to work closely with the Ovens Murray Public Health Unit (OMPHU) to manage the outbreak and daily COVID-19 surveillance testing is ongoing.

The previous information and guidelines for COVID – 19 outbreak in Stringybark Lodge are still in place:

- All residents continue to remain well other than some mild/moderate symptoms which are being monitored closely.
- Isolation measures remain in place to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.
- Correctly fitted N95 masks are to be worn site wide at all times.
- For staff, volunteers and contractors, the use of protective eye wear is also required in addition to N95 masks for all close and clinical contact. Visitors are encouraged to wear protective eyewear for all close contact. Tier 3 PPE remains in place for staff for all initial Urgent Care Centre (UCC) assessments and all known COVID-19 related care areas.
- An attestation process remains in place at each entry point to BHS for all people to let us know you are here, and you are well.

No changes to the visitor guidelines to BHS and these are as follows;

- Please continue to make a visitor appointment with front reception by phoning 03 5728 0200.
- Demonstrate a negative RAT on the same day of entry to BHS.
- Sign in on arrival to let us know you are here and that you are well with no gastrointestinal or cold or flu like symptoms.
- Personal protection to be worn correctly on site at BHS as above.
- **Minimise movement within and around the health service especially into and out of Stringybark Lodge.**
- Visits to avoid common areas and be held within patient / resident rooms or outside in the gardens.
- So that staff can provide a safe and supported visitor experience, BHS is encouraging a maximum of two visitors at any one visit.

Thank you to all our staff for your ongoing commitment, care and support for the residents and one another.

Regards
Outbreak Management Team