



**BEECHWORTH
HEALTH SERVICE**

Memorandum

FROM	Director of Clinical Services (DCS)
TO	Staff, Partners, Residents & Families
DATE	19 October 2023
SUBJECT	Acacias Unit – infection control precautions – Rhinovirus*

Dear All

**Rhinovirus is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms but can develop into more severe symptoms in some people such as the elderly and immunocompromised.*

BHS's DCS would like to inform all residents, staff and families that Rhinovirus has been detected in the Acacia Unit.

All residents continue to remain well other than some cases of mild symptoms which are being monitored closely. Appropriate isolation measures are in place. The risk of the spread of infection is still considered low due to all precautions and processes in place across the site. BHS continues to maintain all Rhinovirus safety measures.

Visitations with visitor guidelines are still in place. As a reminder, visitors to Residential Aged Care (RAC), including the Acacia Unit, are required:

- Perform a negative RAT on the day of your visit
- Sign in to let us know they are here and are well with no cold or flu like symptoms
- Wear a surgical mask (and eye protection at all times in Acacia Unit)
- If visiting Acacia Unit, please avoid visiting other areas of BHS where possible
- Visits in Acacia Unit are encouraged within resident rooms or outside in the gardens

BHS will continue to communicate with you as we go. We thank you for your support and flexibility. Please contact Acacia Unit vis front reception (0357280200) if you have any questions.

Regards

Ms Angela Clement – (Director of Clinical Services)