



BEECHWORTH
HEALTH SERVICE

Memorandum

FROM	Director of Clinical Services (DCS)
TO	BHS and visitors
DATE	3.11.23
SUBJECT	Increasing COVID-19 hospitalisations and demand on the Victorian health system

BHS draws your attention to the **increasing incidence of COVID-19 hospitalisations and associated demand on the Victorian health system.**

BHS currently has the following measures in place that aim to keep people COVID-19 safe.

Entry Screening / Attestation	All people (except people presenting for care) entering BHS must attest that they are well and free of respiratory (including COVID-19) and gastrointestinal symptoms
Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)	All people (except people presenting for care) entering BHS must complete a negative RAT on the day of attendance. <i>NB: Current staff RAT surveillance testing remains in place.</i>
Face mask wearing	As directed, all people must wear a properly fitted face mask at all times whilst on site
Visitors	Visitors must not attend site if they have had a positive COVID-19 diagnosis in the preceding seven (7) days Visitors must not attend BHS for seven (7) days from the date they become a household contact - unless exemption given by BHS's DCS or delegate for end of life or extenuating circumstances
Other measures	Wash hands frequently and in between entering and exiting rooms Socially distance (1.5meters), visit in resident / patient rooms or outdoors

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