



IMPORTANT: COVID-19 Update – New PPE requirements for Community Care Support Workers in Adelaide

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Effective: IMMEDIATELY

To: All Employees, Community Care – Adelaide, SA

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The COVID-19 situation in South Australia is rapidly evolving. Today, the Chief Public Health Officer announced 17 new cases of community transmission in Adelaide.

In the interest of protecting the health and wellbeing of you, our CCC Support Workers, our clients, their families and the community, Calvary is introducing updated screening and PPE requirements effective immediately:

- **Facemasks are required to be worn by all CCC Support Workers.** For your safety and the safety of others, facemasks will be required to be worn by all Support Workers operating in Adelaide until further notice.
- **Employees who have been exposed to a current Adelaide Hotspot should not attend work.** Current Hotspots include the Emergency Department at Lyell McEwin Hospital between 5.30pm Friday 13 November and 4am Saturday 14 November and Parafield Plaza Shopping Centre 12 November.

The latest developments are a timely reminder for all CCC staff, that if you are unwell, and are showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, respiratory illness, gastroenteritis, as below, you should not present to work.

To protect each other, and the people in our care, we must remember to:

- **Stay at home if you are feeling sick or unwell.** If you are unwell and are showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, respiratory illness, gastroenteritis, as below, you should not present to work.
 - fever; or
 - respiratory symptoms, including: coughing; sore throat; and/or shortness of breath.

Other symptoms include headache, sore throat, fatigue, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, chills and vomiting. Atypical symptoms of COVID-19 may also occur including chest pain, diarrhoea and conjunctivitis.

- **Exercise good hand hygiene.** Please continue to wash your hands well and regularly and in accordance with our infection prevention protocols.
- **Maintain social/physical distancing wherever possible.** Social/physical distancing of 1.5 metres separation and 1 person per 4 square metres greatly reduces the risk of infection.
- **Use good cough and sneeze etiquette.** Cough into your elbow and cover your nose and mouth when sneezing. If you have a new persistent cough, you should not be at work.

These measures are in place to reduce the risk of potential COVID-19 transmission to other Support Workers, the vulnerable people in our care, and the wider community.

For the latest updates on evolving SA Hotspots and staff requirements, please visit **Support Worker Connect** and www.calvarystaffupdates.org.au regularly. Please contact your manager if you have any questions.

Thank you for all that you do for Calvary and our Adelaide community.