



IMPORTANT: COVID-19 Update – Temporary standing down of SA volunteers

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To: All Volunteers, All South Australian Hospitals
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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 valued volunteers, our patients, staff and our VMO partners, Calvary is temporarily standing down volunteers until further notice.

- **Volunteers are not to present at the hospital until further notice.** For your safety and the safety of others, volunteers will not be permitted to attend the hospital until the situation in Adelaide stabilises.
- **Volunteers will be invited back when the situation stabilises.** We will keep volunteers updated as the situation develops. Volunteers will be invited back to the hospital as soon as it is safe to do so.

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

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;
 - 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.** 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.

We understand and greatly appreciate your commitment to Calvary, your conscientiousness and desire 'not to let your team members down'. These measures are in place to reduce the risk of potential COVID-19 transmission to other volunteers, members of staff, our VMO partners and the vulnerable people in our care.

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