



IMPORTANT: COVID-19 Update – **Notification of Positive Case - Dr Jones and Partners at Calvary Adelaide Hospital**

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To: All Employees, All VMOs - South Australian Hospitals
From: Sharon Kendall, Regional CEO - South Australia

Calvary wishes to advise employees and our VMO partners that a radiology patient who attended Dr Jones & Partners Medical Imaging, located at the Calvary Adelaide Hospital site, has tested positive for COVID-19.

The patient, who wore a mask and was screened for symptoms and temperature tested by our staff before entry, attended Jones & Partners for an appointment at 8.30am on Monday 16 November 2020. Calvary was notified of the positive case by SA Health yesterday afternoon.

Calvary has immediately put into action our COVID-19 response plan which involves working with SA Health to conduct thorough contact tracing to ensure any person identified a close contact is notified to get tested and isolate for 14 days. A deep clean of the Jones & Partners clinic was conducted overnight on Tuesday.

Any Calvary staff member identified as a close contact will be instructed to self-isolate, monitor for symptoms for 14 days and be tested for COVID-19. Surge workforce arrangements are in place to cover any staff who are required to go into quarantine as a result.

The safety of our patients, their loved ones, our staff and VMO partners is of paramount importance. **The latest developments are timely reminder for all, 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;
 - respiratory symptoms; including:
 - coughing;
 - sore throat; and/or
 - shortness of breath.

Other symptoms include headache, sore throat, fatigue, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, 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.



- **Wear your Calvary reusable mask when commuting.** Calvary will be issuing every employee with reusable face masks over the next two weeks. Using a face mask while using public transport or in other public places where social/physical distancing is not possible reduces the risk of infection.

We understand and greatly appreciate your conscientiousness, work ethic, and desire 'not to let your team members down' but in this instance, **attending your shift, if you are showing any of the above symptoms, poses a grave risk to your colleagues, those we care for and the whole community.**

These measures are in place to reduce the risk of potential COVID-19 transmission to other members of staff, our VMO partners and the vulnerable people in our care.

Please do the right thing and stay home if you are unwell.

For employees who have questions, please contact your Manager. If you are finding your situation distressing in any way, please discuss your concerns with your Manager. If you feel you require further support, contact your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at:

<http://connect.calvarycare.org.au/EmployeeEssentials/Conditions/pages/Employee-assistance-program.aspx>

VMO Support Centre

Communication emailed directly and also available at: <https://www.calvarycare.org.au/calvarysadoctors/>

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