

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Pictured above: N95 masks are required for all staff, volunteers and visitors.

N95 masks back for safer services

Over the past couple of weeks, we have highlighted in our Community Update that COVID-19 infections in the Mallee have risen. In response to this trend, we have decided to make a couple of important changes.

As of last week, **all staff, volunteers and visitors need to wear an N95 mask while on site at MTHCS.** We have made this decision after deep consideration as masks can be uncomfortable and inconvenient.

But we are mindful of the important role they play in simply and effectively protecting us, our families and, importantly, our most vulnerable people.

We are approaching a time of extreme vulnerability – rising cases statewide combined with lots of travel and gatherings. Whatever extra preventative measures we can take as community members will help to protect us, our residents and our staff from COVID-19. Please help to achieve our aim of keeping infection levels low to ensure we can continue allowing visitors to our facilities throughout the Christmas and New Year period.

Recognising's Eily's great work

Sea Lake's Eily Ottery was happy to receive an official 'thank you' for showing great initiative at work recently.

Sea Lake staff have been experiencing a very busy time in the residential care area, so our nursing staff have been extremely grateful to Eily for making the beds as she has done her cleaning rounds.

Director of Nursing Leanne Adcock says Eily, who works in Environmental Services, epitomises the meaning of teamwork by supporting the nurses task and relieving them to address other care duties during busy periods.

Leanne presented Eily with a thank-you card to acknowledge her commitment to teamwork and MTHCS organisational values.

Thanks Eily – we appreciate you.



Pictured above: Director of Nursing Leanne Adcock presents Eily Ottery with her thank-you card.

Grace gets comfortable

Grace from our Sea Lake campus is thrilled with her new recliner chair.

Enjoy the recliner, Grace - sit back and relax!



Pictured above: Grace gives her new recliner a big thumbs-up.

Flood health warning

Flooding continues to impact our communities in parts of the Mallee, with containment and clean-up efforts still in full swing. In addition to floodwater, other health hazards include the spread of communicable diseases through rodents, animals, mosquitoes and contaminated food and water, and environmental hazards including injury, asbestos and mould exposure, carbon monoxide poisoning (from portable generators or gas heaters) and animal hazards including snake and spider bites.

MTHCS IS RETURNING TO N95 FACE MASKS

MTHCS is returning to wearing N95 masks as of November 16th, due to the rising case numbers of COVID19 across the State and in our communities.

We are encouraging staff and their families to also wear a surgical mask when attending indoor places in the local community such as the supermarket.

Why are we doing this?

To protect our residents and colleagues in the hope that we can maintain visitors in our centres across the Christmas and New Year period.



Advisory roles advertised

We are pleased to invite applications for membership on the MTHCS Community Advisory Committee.

The Consumer Advisor positions are part-time with terms of office commencing early 2023. These positions provide an exciting opportunity for members of the local community to provide strategic advice, from a consumer, carer and community perspective to ensure MTHCS understands and can respond to the needs of the communities we serve.

To learn more, visit www.mthcs.com.au/careers/current-vacancies
For all enquiries regarding the Community Advisory Committee, please contact Tracey Wilson, Interim CEO, on (03) 5092 1111.



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