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To our Valued Staff,

RE: UPDATE – COVID 19 (Coronavirus)

To ensure the ongoing health and safety of Lifestyle Centred Services (LCS) Clients, and Staff we would like to follow up if you currently work within a high risk setting outside of your role with LCS – these could include (but not limited to):

- Aged Care Settings
- Hospitals (emergency dep, COVID 19 ward)
- Nursing Agencies
- Paramedics
- Residential Settings
- Day Services
- Group Homes
- Supporting people who are Homeless
- Youth Homes
- Placement within high risk settings

This does not automatically mean that any shifts you are currently doing with LCS will be cancelled, however we need to be aware to ensure our clients and their families have the choice of who enters their home.

If you could please contact our Operations Manager, Tarina Venturin on 0409 903 459 to advise if you work in high risk settings outside of LCS.

If there are any confirmed cases within the abovementioned settings you work at you must IMMEDIATELY advise LCS and not attend shifts with LCS clients until you have had a COVID-19 test and provided LCS of proof of the outcome.

If you have any of the following symptoms, however mild, you should seek advice, call 24-hour coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 or your GP.

The symptoms to watch out for are (but not limited to):

- Loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- Fever
- Chills or sweats
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Shortness of Breath
- Runny nose

If you are unwell at all YOU ARE NOT TO ATTEND SHIFTS – please ensure you advise an LCS Coordinator or our 24/7 number (03) 9776 8227.



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Test Isolation and Worker Support Payments:

- Victorian workers can apply for a \$300 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Test Isolation Payment that provides financial support while you self-isolate to wait for the results of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test.
- If you test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or are a close contact of a confirmed case, you may be eligible for the \$1500 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Worker Support Payment that provides financial support while you are quarantining at home as instructed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16 who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or is a close contact of a confirmed case and you have been instructed by the Department of Health and Human Services to self-isolate or quarantine, you may also be eligible for the \$1500 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Worker Support Payment.

For further information and eligibility please see the link below:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/1500-coronavirus-covid-19-worker-support-payment>

Updated Restrictions in Victorian Announced 30th July 2020:

Further changes are occurring to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). We ask all Victorians to play their part in the coronavirus response.

From 11:59pm on Sunday 2nd August, face coverings will need to be worn by all Victorians when they leave home, unless they have a lawful exception. The evidence is clear that face coverings will play a critical role in slowing the spread of coronavirus in Victoria.

Further restrictions are being introduced for people who live in the City of Greater Geelong and the Shires of Colac Otway, Golden Plains, Moorabool, Surf Coast and the Borough of Queenscliffe. From 11:59pm on Thursday, 30 July you will no longer be able to have visitors to your home or visit others in their homes.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/updated-restrictions-announced-30-july-covid-19>

Face Masks:

- As we have previously advised, we have 2 amazing volunteers continuing to make reusable cloth masks, these are being distributed to staff as soon as they are available.



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- We have applied for reusable face masks through the Department of Health and Human Services for clients who are deemed high risk and their staff, we hope to receive these supplies in the coming weeks.

If staff have any availability to purchase single use or 3 layered cloth masks, please do so and you can claim this on your tax.

The Australian Government Department of Health has released a video, [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Wearing personal protective equipment for disability workers](#), that explains ways to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection, and when workers must (and do not need to) use PPE.

- The video also contains a demonstration of the correct way to put on and remove PPE.

Continued Communication:

LCS will continue to provide updated information to clients, their families and all our staff.

If you have any further queries, please contact one of our team on (03) 9776 8227.

Additional Resources:

We encourage everyone to keep up to date with reliable information, the below links provide accurate and updated information:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

<https://www.australia.gov.au/>

Call the coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline if you suspect you have coronavirus (COVID-19) on 1800 675 398.

LCS are providing continuous updates on our Face Book page, Click on the Facebook link below for the latest news <https://www.facebook.com/LifestyleCentredServices/>

Kind regards,

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