

COVID-19 Response for CRWU, ARWU and WSL



Western Health

COVID - 19

Be Safe -- Be Smart -- Be Kind

COVID-19 Response for Drug Health Services Community Residential Withdrawal Units and Westside Lodge Dual Diagnosis Rehabilitation Unit

Initial Response – Withdrawal Units and Westside Lodge

Put a mask on the client and isolate

Determine need for testing in consultation with admitting officer and head of unit. Consult with Infectious Diseases physician on call if clarification is required.

If testing is required, allocate one staff member who will need to don PPE and conduct swab test following the Western Health COVID-19 guidelines for isolation, PPE and swab testing. Swab tests must be transported directly to pathology in a red pathology bag and marked URGENT.

Recommended Follow up – Withdrawal Units

Allocate single staff member. Don PPE for all interactions

Client must be isolated to own room and bathroom. At this time inform client of their options:

- Whilst awaiting test result must remain in isolation whilst in the unit until result is received
- If wanting to discharge must isolate at home until result is received.

Arrange for comprehensive clean via Environmental Services- extension 57261

If staff require any staff related advice at any time please contact the Covid-19 Staff Clinic on whscovid-19staffclinicenquiries@wh.org.au or phone 8345 6666

Recommended Follow up – Westside Lodge

Staff escort client to respiratory clinic between 10 am and 6 pm maintaining social distance. Remain in clinic with client. After hours staff nursing staff will be required to swab following swab guidelines located on the COVID-19 microsite.

Allocate single staff member. Don PPE for all interactions

At this time inform client of their options:

- Whilst awaiting test result must remain in isolation if returning to WSL until result is received
- If wanting to discharge must isolate at home until result is received.

Arrange for comprehensive clean via Environmental Services- extension 57261

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Isolation Protocol – Withdrawal Units and Westside Lodge

One staff member, PPE as per WH guidelines, single use bathroom, meals serviced in room. Separate plate/cutlery not required as long as they are washed appropriately afterward i.e. hot soapy water/dishwasher.

Important Information:

Sunshine Hospital Respiratory Clinic hours are 10am to 6pm daily

If staff after hours are unable to conduct a swab test – contact the Special Medical Officer to request assistance.

Environmental Services deep clean of common areas and staff base to be completed whilst awaiting swab result. Beds must be stripped prior to clean.

Call Drug Health Services On Call Manager on 0438 061 085 if support required otherwise follow the advice of the Infection Prevention team or Infectious Diseases consultant on call.

If test result is POSITIVE: Call Infection Prevention immediately on 56113. They will require a list of contacts and will follow up all co-residents as well as staff who have worked with the infected client. They will also provide advice on cleaning process to be followed.

The Unit is not required to close based on a positive case. Not all contacts will require testing. Infection Prevention will determine anyone who needs to be tested. ALL CONTACTS SHOULD CLOSELY SELF MONITOR FOR SYMPTOMS.