

Safe Use of the Western Health Prayer and Reflection Rooms



Western Health

COVID - 19

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About the Western Health Prayer and Reflection Room

The Sunshine and Footscray Hospital Prayer and Reflection Rooms are spaces dedicated to the purpose of allowing staff and patients the opportunity to take quiet time to attend to their spiritual needs. They are multi-faith, non-denominational, non-sectarian spaces that welcome equally those who identify as having religious faith, and those who do not.

The Sunshine Prayer and Reflection Room is located on the ground floor of Sunshine Hospital, close to the main entrance of the WCHRE building, and adjacent to the Pastoral Care office.

The Footscray Prayer and Reflection Room is located on the ground floor of Footscray Hospital, on the left side of the foyer, just past the Green Bag Cafe.

At Western Health, the health and safety of our staff, patients, volunteers, visitors and community is our highest priority. This factsheet outlines the process and procedures that need to be adhered to when using the Prayer and Reflection spaces in order to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

At this point in time, the Prayer and Reflection Rooms can only be used by staff, and not patients or visitors. It is expected that the below guidelines will be followed.

Please note that infection prevention requirements prevent the sharing of sacred texts at this time and these are unable to be borrowed.

Procedure for gaining access to the Sunshine and Footscray Hospital Prayer and Reflection Rooms

In order to gain access to either of the Prayer and Reflection Rooms, a key will need to be borrowed from the Reception Desk in the main foyer of the Sunshine or Footscray Hospitals. The key will need to be signed out, and must be returned and signed back in, immediately after the borrower has finished using the Prayer and Reflection Room.

COVID- Safe Measures in the Prayer and Reflection Rooms.

Staff using the Sunshine and Footscray Prayer and Reflection Rooms must:

- Borrow a key from Reception, ensuring that you have added all required details (full name, mobile phone number, work area/department, sign in and sign out times) to the Key Sign Out sheet.

- Sign in and out of the Prayer and Reflection Room using the log sheet provided at the entrance. These sheets will be collected and stored by the Pastoral Care team and made available to the WH contact tracing team as required.
- Maintain hand hygiene using the alcohol based hand rub provided before and after using the Prayer and Reflection Room
- Wear PPE in line with WH PPE Guidance.
- Bring your own prayer mat (where applicable) and take this with you when you leave
- Wipe down any shared or high touch surfaces with Clinell universal wipes before leaving the Prayer and Reflection Room.
- Not project your voice above a talking volume.
- Not move any furniture
- Not consume food or drink while using the Prayer and Reflection Room
- Adhere to the recommendation that visits to the Prayer Room are ten (10) minutes or less.

For any further queries, please feel free to contact the Sunshine Pastoral Care office, on 8345 1307, the Footscray Pastoral Care office on 8345 6532, or the Pastoral Care department manager on 0421 899 462.