

Management of SCOVID patients in the Melton Renal Unit and Sunshine 1E



Western Health

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The purpose of this QRG is to provide guidance to Western Health staff regarding the process and steps to manage and support patients who require dialysis and are either SCOVID or COVID-19 positive. This guidance applies to scenarios where dialysis is undertaken in a shared space with other vulnerable patient groups.

The Melton renal unit and SH 1E are not to be used as SCOVID sites due to being a shared space with oncology and other outpatient areas.

Procedure:

1. All patients should be educated each dialysis session about the importance of timely communication to the renal nurses on any visits to exposure sites, isolating household members or symptoms consistent with COVID 19.
2. Patients that contact the unit and communicate risk factors as potential SCOVID, as above, are to be:
 - a. Directed to undergo PCR testing
 - b. Transferred to another dialysis Amber unit for co-ordination of ongoing dialysis
3. All patients must undergo screening on entry to the Melton Health building and the following actions taken:
 - a. If patient fails screening; provide an N95 mask and refuse entry
 - b. Escalate failed screen to Renal NUM
 - c. Accompany patient to Urgent Care Red Zone
 - d. Swab for Rapid PCR
 - e. Co-ordinate ongoing dialysis transfer to another designated Amber Unit
4. All patients must undertake a rapid antigen (RAT) tested on arrival to the unit
5. In the event a patient returns a positive RAT result the following actions must be taken:
 - a. Patients provided an N95, including any Day Chemo patients
 - b. Immediate transfer of the Index case to Urgent Care Red Zone
 - c. Swab for Rapid PCR
 - d. Co-ordinate ongoing dialysis transfer to another designated Amber Unit