

Safe Use of the Western Health Prayer and Reflection Rooms



Western Health

COVID - 19

Be Safe -- Be Smart -- Be Kind

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, visitors 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 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 be used by staff, patients and visitors, as long as the guidelines are followed.

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

COVID- Safe Measures in the Prayer and Reflection Rooms.

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

- 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.
- Adhere to the maximum occupancy noted on the doors.
- 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.