

Memorandum

To: Medical, Nursing and Midwifery Staff, Senior Leadership Group
From: Paul Eleftheriou and Shane Crowe
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Subject: De-isolation process for suspected COVID-19 patients

Dear Medical, Nursing and Midwifery Staff,

Thank you again for your continued support as we move towards a unit-led COVID-19 de-isolation process.

A reminder that all support resources for this process including instructional videos, the De-isolation Guideline and the EMR Quick Reference Guide are available on the coronavirus site in [Clinical Guidelines/COVID-19 Patient Management](#).

With targeted training having commenced with General Medicine, from Monday of this week the process has been to continue to follow the De-isolation Guideline, then the steps below. **There is no change to this process for the coming week.**

GENERAL MEDICINE UNIT ONLY - for suspected COVID-19 patients under consideration for de-isolation

- In hours (8am-4pm, Monday-Friday) **please call Switchboard on 8345 6666** to contact the:
 - General Internal Medicine (GIM) Senior Medical Registrar at **Sunshine** Hospital for Sunshine-based GIM inpatients
 - General Internal Medicine (GIM) Senior Medical Registrar at **Footscray** Hospital for Footscray-based GIM inpatients
- For all other times, **please follow the steps below**

FOR ALL OTHER suspected COVID-19 patients under consideration for de-isolation

- In hours (8am – 4pm, Monday-Friday and 9.30am – 5.30pm Saturday-Sunday) **please call the De-isolation HMO** via Switchboard on **8345 6666**
- For all other times, if there is an urgent requirement, **please contact the AHA** via Switchboard for further guidance.

Before contacting the De-isolation HMO or GIM Senior Registrar it is essential that all medical staff continue **to thoroughly check for Pathology results in the EMR**, as some patients may be awaiting outstanding test results. For this reason, all staff are asked to please check both the **results review** and the **orders** page in the EMR.

In addition staff should be able to advise the De-isolation HMO or GIM Senior Registrar:

- Risk status of patient (High/Low)
- Day of illness that COVID-19 test(s) were taken
- Whether Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP) are currently required

Thank you for continuing to support the delivery of Best Care.

Regards,



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