

# Statement

22 July 2020

## COVID-19 Diagnosis at VMCH St Bernadette's Aged Care Residence

A visiting health professional to VMCH St Bernadette's Aged Care Residence in Sunshine North on Wednesday 15 July 2020 has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

VMCH has notified public health officials as required and is following procedures recommended by the Department of Health and the Communicable Diseases Network of Australia.

As a precautionary measure, St Bernadette's Aged Care Residence is now in full lockdown.

Residents who were in close contact are now in isolation within the residence and will undergo testing.

Staff who were in close contact will be tested and will self-isolate at home, for a period of 14 days.

Residents are being closely monitored. Should any signs of ill health appear, VMCH will seek medical attention immediately and inform families.

VMCH is taking every step as recommended by authorities to contain the spread, implementing health measures that balance care and compassion with protection and caution.

VMCH has had many precautionary measures in place including the wearing of face masks and temperature testing all of which were well established prior to the visit from the external health professional.

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## About VMCH

Here at VMCH, our services are as diverse as the people we support.

Our values underpin the work we do. As a Catholic not for profit organisation, compassion, respect and inclusion aren't just words to us, they guide us in everything we do.

While we've been around for over a century, we're always moving forward. We stay true to who we are by supporting people and families to live their best lives, providing a place to call home and spaces to learn and grow.

Our professional and compassionate teams are with you on your life journey. We provide a wide range of support from early learning and therapy, specialist education, disability services, affordable homes, residential aged care, retirement living and at-home aged care.

