

Media Release

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CORONAVIRUS CASES IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

NCN Health can confirm that six people in the Moira Shire have tested positive for Coronavirus. These people may have been tested at a GP clinic, at GV Health's Acute Respiratory Clinic (ARC), at a NCN Health facility or other location. Patient privacy is respected.

All confirmed cases and close contacts are notified and monitored by the Department of Health and Human Services. It is understood these people have been self-isolating and are now in quarantine.

At this time there are no inpatients at GV Health or NCN Health hospitals who have tested positive for Coronavirus.

CEO, Jacque Phillips said: "NCN Health has vigilant infection control processes in place, plus we are screening staff, patients and visitors prior to entering the health service. We have changed visiting hours and put restrictions in place at our hospitals and residential aged care facilities to protect the health and safety of everyone.

"We are taking advice from the Department of Health and Human Services and working closely with other health services and experts."

She said: "We are working hard to protect the health and safety of staff, residents, patients, clients and the community from the spread of Coronavirus across the region. It is incredibly important that people in our communities follow the directions from the Victorian Government and health care clinicians when self-isolating and in quarantine. Social distancing is everyone's responsibility for limiting the spread of Coronavirus.

"It is important that people stay at home when they can, only go out for essential items, practice social distancing (keeping 1.5m apart from others), avoid social gatherings and follow good hygiene – wash hands regularly, and cough or sneeze into your elbow."

If anyone suspects they have Coronavirus please call the hotline 1800 675 398. If visiting a hospital or GP, please ring prior to attending.

Jacque Phillips, CEO - NCN Health