

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

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## Next wave of COVID-19

The focus on COVID-19 is once again intensifying, with future modelling indicating the next wave of COVID-19 will hit in April and May this year. The best way you can prepare for this is to:

- **Get vaccinated and get your booster shots.**
- **Wear a face mask when it's required - unless you have a lawful exemption. It's also ok to choose to wear one in settings where this is not mandated.**
- **Stay 1.5 metres away from people you don't live with.**
- **Open doors and windows when possible and avoid poorly ventilated spaces.**
- **Get tested and stay home if you feel unwell.**
- **Practise good hygiene and wash or disinfect your hands often.**
- **Check in using QR codes where required.**

## Expect a test at UCC

Everyone who presents to our Urgent Care Centres (UCC) in Ouyen and Sea Lake will now be COVID-19 tested using RATs (rapid antigen tests), depending on the clinical urgency of the situation. This is in line with the approach taken by Ambulance Victoria (i.e. everyone is COVID-19 tested on transfer between health services). This is a very important strategy in managing COVID-19 in our facilities and within our communities.

## RATs required when visiting aged care

All visitors to aged care will now be tested for COVID-19 using RATs. This is in line with Victoria's pandemic health orders. MTHCS has RATs available for visitors.

When visiting residents in our aged care facilities, please remember:

- **To phone ahead of your visit so we can assist and support appropriately.**
- **Visitors can only visit our aged care facilities once each day. This is in line with Victoria's pandemic health orders.**
- **To follow all COVID-19 infection control measures. Our residents are highly vulnerable to infection and we need your help to protect them.**



*Pictured (from top): Pattinson House residents playing Wheel of Fortune and (centre) an indoor fishing game; (bottom) Ouyen PAG members getting a game in during their recent meeting at the Senior Citizen's building.*

## Employment opportunities

**MTHCS has a number of non-gender specific roles available. At MTHCS we define our expectations and are accountable for our actions.**

## NEW People and Culture Wellbeing Officer (Ouyen) Full Time/Part Time negotiable

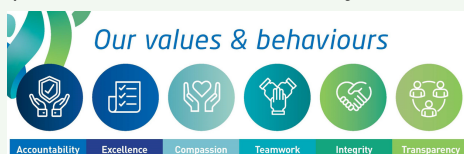
The People and Culture Wellbeing Officer is responsible for supporting the People and Culture team to drive health and wellbeing initiatives within the workplace, including promoting the Gender Equality Act

## Healthcare Workers (Pattinson House, Ouyen) Casual

MTHCS is always looking for enthusiastic healthcare workers to join the team. Compassion for our residents and team work is vital.

**MTHCS is an equal opportunity employer. Visit [www.mthcs.vic.gov.au/employment](http://www.mthcs.vic.gov.au/employment) for further information about these and other exciting roles.**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Provide your resume with cover letter to [payroll@mthcs.vic.gov.au](mailto:payroll@mthcs.vic.gov.au) or People & Culture, PO Box 130, Ouyen 3490.



*Pictured above: MTHCS Hotel Services manager Louise Plozza recently celebrated her birthday with an amazing cake made by colleague Nic Coe. Happy Birthday Louise!*