



**Infection Control
Update
Influenza Program
2015**



**HEALTH ALERT!
ARE YOU AT RISK OF INFLUENZA?**

- ◆ In Victoria from 1st January to 20 July 2015, 3295 cases of influenza have been notified to Department of Health & Human Services. This is significantly up from the previous year. 1886 cases were notified for the same period last year.
- ◆ To date 67.5% (189) of staff are vaccinated against influenza. 18.9% (53) are still to submit a declaration form.
- ◆ The influenza vaccine is available FREE for staff.
- ◆ Monday to Friday:
 - ◆ Helen Backway Infection Control Coordinator 70267
 - ◆ Marg Nepean DPU 70210
 - ◆ Night duty:
 - ◆ Kate Worsolt
 - ◆ Jenny Brown
- ◆ Why be vaccinated?
 - ◆ Annual flu vaccinations are recommended, particularly for health care workers, older people, and those with an underlying medical condition.
 - ◆ The flu is more than just a bad cold, and can occasionally lead to serious complications.
 - ◆ Flu vaccination can help stop the spread of the virus in the community.
 - ◆ Protection develops about two weeks after receiving the flu vaccination, and lasts for up to one year.
 - ◆ The flu vaccine doesn't contain the active virus and cannot give you the flu.

Hand Hygiene

- ◆ Hand Hygiene (HH) is the most powerful defence against infection.
- ◆ The hand hygiene audit result in MSW for June was 81.4%. This is greater than our performance target of 80%. Staff were observed for compliance to the "5 moments" of hand hygiene.



We look forward to further improving our HH rates and minimising the risk of cross infection at KDHS.

Crucial Conversational Training

- ◆ Need help raising difficult topics?
- ◆ Want to provide feedback but don't know how?
- ◆ Ever leave a meeting thinking "don't they listen?"
- ◆ Do you sometimes feel unsure of what others really want?

This program is open to all KDHS Staff

Location: Group Room (Community Health)

Dates: 11 & 18th August— Group 1
Or
10 & 17th September—Group 2

Duration: 2 days—you must be able to attend both days in the same Group

Times: 8.30am to 4.30pm—both days (meals provided)

Bookings: Please contact Susan Briggs on 5857 0255 or sbriggs@kyhealth.org.au

Limited to 12 spaces

Uniform Update

The uniform committee have been working with our supplier, Quality Teams to seek an appropriate uniform range that meets the many needs of our work teams and roles we perform.

Quality Team have shown us a uniform range that has not yet been released onto the market. The down side is that we are not able to finalise our uniform selection until we have had a chance to actually see the entire range in various sizes. At this stage we are anticipating seeing the uniform range in early August.

Until then all staff are supported in wearing clothing that is in line with our Dress Code (available on Prompt)

Changes to Staff Dining Room

Please be advised that the staff room will be closed from

Monday 10th August for 4 weeks

Due to kitchen flooring replacement

Pop up staffrooms will be made available along with the back section of the café area. Staffroom fridge will also be relocated to the back section of the café area.

KDHS Website

Please be advised that our current website is no longer supported and we are unable to login and make changes.

We are currently working on a new website and will advise when this is up and operational.

Prompt Update



The policies, procedures and guidelines listed below have been reviewed and approved. Documents in **RED** are new

Clinical

Admission to Acute - MSW

Corporate

ICT User Policy

ICT Network Management Policy

Quality Audit and Review

Did You Know?

- ◆ The tongue of a blue whale is as long as an elephant.
- ◆ Our eyes are always the same size from birth.
- ◆ Earth is not round, it is slightly pear-shaped.
- ◆ Do you know the names of the three wise monkeys? They are: Mizaru (See no evil), Mikazaru (Kikazaru – Hear no evil), and Mazaru (Iwazaru – Speak no evil).
- ◆ The names of all the continents end with the letter they start with.
- ◆ On every continent there is a city called Rome.
- ◆ Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 49,000 feet (15,000 metres).

What's new at the Courtyard Cafe!!! Gourmet Sausage Rolls



Now available **DAILY** at the
Courtyard Café

Aged Care Accreditation



On August

4th & 5th, Sheridan residents and staff will welcome two assessors for our re-accreditation audit

Safe Manual Handling

On Wednesday, July 15th. Darren Ripper, Worksafe Inspector from Shepparton conducted a visit and attended the Safe Manual Handling Competency Session conducted by Kerrie Saunders

Darren sat through the full session and also provided an evaluation, scoring the highest possible 10/10

"I found the session to be practical, easy to follow and understand. Kerrie clearly shows passion for the subject and knows her stuff and presents it in a way that was a pleasure to sit in on" - WELL DONE, KERRIE

Upcoming Events

25th July—White Ribbon Night

Bring an end to violence against women by having a night in.

Email: events@whiteribbon.org.au

Ph: 02 9045 8444

Website: www.whiteribbon.org.au/night

1-7 August— World Breastfeeding Week

World Breastfeeding Week aims to protect, promote and support breastfeeding as the best way to provide newborns with the nutrients they need.

Website: worldbreastfeedingweek.org/