

## COVID-19 UPDATE 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Currently there are four active cases of COVID-19 in Mansfield Shire. All cases are in isolation as are their identified close contacts. All will be retested and remain in isolation for fourteen days.

It is important to remember that this is an anxious time for everyone. This anxiety can be heightened through rumours and commentary on social media. COVID-19 doesn't discriminate and every single one of us is at risk.

We want to commend the four cases for their quick response to the onset of symptoms. They were tested early and isolated appropriately. They have also been able to identify close contacts who we have followed up. Please respect their privacy.

We have responded early and undertaken our own contact tracing. This information has now been provided to the Department of Health and Humans Services who will guide us and others in the next actions. This may mean the need to undertake more widespread testing. If this is the case, we will advertise our extended testing clinic hours.

In the interim it is imperative if you have even mild symptoms that you stay at home and isolate and arrange to be tested at either the Mansfield testing clinic (0428 694 968) or your GP.

You should maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres at all times, practise regular hand washing or sanitising. As of 11:59pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, everyone is required to wear a mask or face covering when outside of our homes. This needs to be adhered to by everyone in the community and at all worksites.

Defeating COVID-19 requires the commitment of the entire community to work together, look out for each other, be kind and protect the most vulnerable.

We will post daily updates.

