

Media Release – 13 July 2020

Fourteen residents and seventeen staff at Menarock LIFE in Essendon have tested positive for COVID-19.

A further twenty-one residents have returned negative COVID-19 results and have been re-tested with results pending.

Menarock LIFE is currently working with the Australian Government Department of Health, the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, and the Royal Melbourne Hospital to manage the situation.

Additional clinical expertise has been deployed to Menarock Life Essendon, including an infection control coordinator being stationed on site, along with PPE supplies from the national medical stockpile, additional testing capabilities, and an emergency surge workforce.

All of the COVID-19 positive residents have been transferred to hospital for ongoing clinical care.

The facility has been in regular contact with residents and their family members, with updates being provided on an ongoing basis.

“The health and wellbeing of our residents is our utmost priority”, Kath Warren, Menarock LIFE CEO has said.

“We appreciate that this is a very difficult time for our Menarock community at Essendon. We are working closely with federal and state health authorities and infection control experts to manage this COVID-19 outbreak”, Ms Warren said.