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Menarock LIFE is continuing to work with the Commonwealth 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 at Essendon.

We are continuing to receive clinical expertise, including the services of an infection control coordinator who is stationed on site, along with additional supplies of PPE from the national medical stockpile, additional testing capabilities, and an emergency surge workforce.

All residents who remain at Essendon have been tested in a second round of testing with a third round of testing due later this week.

Our senior management team remain in daily contact with each of the nominated family representative's of each resident to provide updates on the situation at Essendon and on the status of their loved one.

We are also in regular contact with each of our staff members at Essendon to provide them with ongoing support and where required, assistance through our Employee Assistance Program.

Kath Warren, Menarock LIFE CEO reiterated that "The health and wellbeing of our residents and staff is our utmost priority. We appreciate that this is a very difficult time for our Menarock community at Essendon. We continue to work closely with federal and state health authorities and infection control experts to manage this COVID-19 outbreak".

"We appreciate the support we are receiving from the federal and state health authorities and infection control experts to manage this outbreak. We would also like to acknowledge the support and understanding that we have received from many of the families of our Essendon residents during this time", Ms Warren said.