

Media Release – 17 July 2020

The Menarock team has been collaboratively working with the Commonwealth and the Victorian State Health Department over the COVID-19 outbreak at Essendon Aged Care.

This is a difficult time for our community – residents, their families and friends as well as staff.

The care and wellbeing of our residents remains our top priority. To ensure the ongoing safety and wellbeing of each of our residents, we have decided, in collaboration with the Commonwealth and State Health Departments and the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, to transfer our residents currently at Essendon to Latrobe Private Hospital, Plenty Road Bundoora.

Our resident transfers are planned for Friday 17 July. Residents who are currently at Royal Park will remain at this hospital for ongoing care and support. Residents currently at Royal Melbourne Hospital are expected to join our residents at Latrobe Private Hospital.

All residents will be transferred via ambulance to Latrobe Private Hospital accompanied by their important personal items, care plans, medications, aids, clothing and other information and items necessary to support their stay at La Trobe Private.

We have communicated with every resident and their family about the transfers and will continue to up-date families about the care and wellbeing of their loved ones. We will also provide information about our plans to support the future return of residents and look forward to welcoming back our residents to the facility and our Menarock Life Community.

We thank residents, their families and friends for their understanding and thank all the staff who have been supporting us during this time.