



PIKA WIYA HEALTH SERVICES COMMUNIQUE

April 2020

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

In South Australia the control of Covid-19 has been very effective, so far. PWS has identified no positive cases to date. However, as restrictions are lifted it is possible that a new “wave” of cases might appear, so we need to be prepared for this.

For staff and client safety, in the Main Clinic we have established a triage desk where all clients who present to the clinic are screened, and if any clients have a temperature or symptoms of cold/flu they are provided with a referral to have a Covid-19 test done, and are welcome to re-attend clinic once a negative result has come back. In addition, all staff are screened before entering work each day. These measures help in providing a safe clinic environment for all staff and clients to come and attend. At this stage, we also continue to offer videoconference and telehealth consults for clients as well.

Staff are continuing to work together to try to adapt to the changing situation in a timely way and ensure that the safety of our staff and clients remains the top priority. Further changes may be expected in the coming weeks as things evolve, and staff will be kept up to date via a weekly Covid-19 email.

The best place for information is <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

If you have any further questions, please speak to Dr Monty, Dr Brennan or other members of the Coronavirus Team who will be able to assist you.

Thank you
Coronavirus Team



COVIDSAFE APP

Download the COVIDSafe app today to keep yourself and your community safe by helping our health workers to notify you quickly if you’ve come in contact with someone who has Coronavirus.

With your privacy protected by law, COVIDSafe keeps a secure note of other users you’ve been near if you have to go out. So, if they test positive for Coronavirus, you’ll be notified. It’ll help us stop the spread sooner, so we can all get back to the things we love.

For more info:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>



WORLD IMMUNISATION WEEK 24-30TH APRIL

Why get immunised against influenza?

Influenza is a very contagious infection of the airways. It is especially serious for babies, people over 65 years of age and pregnant women.

Vaccination is a safe and effective way to protect you from serious disease caused by influenza.

By getting vaccinated against influenza, you can also help protect other people, especially people who are too sick or too young to be vaccinated. The more people who are vaccinated in your community, the less likely the disease will spread.

Who should get immunised against influenza?

Anyone who wants to protect themselves against influenza can talk to their doctor about getting immunised.

You should get the influenza vaccine every year. This is because the most common strains of the virus that cause influenza change every year. The vaccine also changes every year to match these strains.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Laurel Dodd has received recognition from The Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA) for her participation and shared knowledge about cultural care for Aboriginal People in SA. Congratulations Laurel!

Article – Laurel Dodd: <https://pepaeducation.com/whats-new/news/>

USEFUL LINKS

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/>

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/infectious+diseases/covid+2019/latest+updates/latest+updates+on+covid-19>

<https://www.naccho.org.au/>

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**Employee of the
Month Award for
March
Alicia Jackson**



**Employee of the
Month Award for
April
Michele Walters**

