

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Good Morning Residents,

Please find our Weekly Community Update from Essential Services in our Community.

This Weekly publication is in the form of Letter Drop and Electronically to assist the Community during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

QUAIRADING DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

We're back at school this week with strong attendance to begin the term. It is exciting to welcome our children back after such an extended period. During the holidays our government made changes to their stance on schooling, according to current Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) advice regarding the low risk of COVID-19 in schools. We have specific cleaning protocols in place within the school to continue to keep our children and community safe. I am anticipating we will be moving back to an 'even keel' as the term progresses.

I would like to thank our families for the tremendously positive approach to the difficult time in which we have found ourselves over the past two months. Many of our families have expressed appreciation and support for our staff and I feel comforted by the understanding and confidence that has been brought about through this predicament. Our staff too, have approached this emergency with commitment, integrity and compassion, for which I am deeply grateful. Particular mention goes to Mrs Chisari and Mrs Dalton who have shown an outstanding level of planning, commitment and reliability in their cleaning roles.

We look forward to continued support from the community and Shire as we adjust course to contend with each new development of the era of COVID-19, and continue to educate our children in a supportive and connected school community.

Pauline Wray
Principal

COVID-19 WA.GOV.AU SOCIAL DISTANCING ADVICE

Please note that the easing of the non-business Gathering Rule came into effect on Monday 27th April with up to 10 persons (both indoors and outdoors) allowed whilst still adhering to the Social distancing guidelines (1.5metres apart and 4m² per person).

Social distancing is integral to help limit the risk of COVID-19 coronavirus spreading throughout the community. It includes:

- minimise all unnecessary contact with others
- keep 1.5 metres away from others
- avoid physical greetings such as handshakes, hugs and kisses
- use tap and pay instead of cash.

All other restrictions remain in place for now:

- the Oval and the Netball / Basketball Courts are open for passive Recreation (noting maximum of 10 Person Gathering Rule) and the Playground near the Changerooms remains closed.
- restaurants, cafés, food vans, food courts and road houses remain restricted to takeaway and home delivery.

Everyone should continue to practise appropriate social distancing and stay home, except for:

- shopping for what you need, such as food or other necessary supplies
- medical or health care needs, including compassionate requirements
- exercise, including outdoor personal training (up to 10 people) without shared equipment
- work, training or university, where remote learning is unavailable
- childcare or school
- non-contact recreational activities such as private picnics in the park, fishing, boating, hiking and camping – all in compliance with travel restrictions and the 10-person rule.

THE QUAIRADING CO-OP

What an awesome community we live in! Well done Quairading Community on our Stay at Home and stopping the spread of Covid-19. Restrictions are slowly lifting in WA so a change in shop hours will come into effect this Tuesday 28/4/2020. We ask you to please ensure social distancing whilst in store this includes where Staff are working:

8-5 Monday
8-5 Tuesday
8-5 Wednesday
8-6 Thursday
8-5 Friday
8-12 Saturday

HOSPITAL

If you believe you have COVID-19 symptoms, please call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080. If your symptoms persist or worsen please call the Hospital for triage ph. 9645 2222 and you will be provided with further instructions whether to or when to present at the Quairading Hospital.

Government funded flu Vaccines

Government funded flu vaccines are available for children from 6 months up to Year 6 at School.

All government funded flu vaccines (including adults) are available through the Child Health Nurse at the Quairading Hospital.

Appointments for the Child Health Clinic can be made via the Quairading Hospital.

MEDICAL PRACTICE

Influenza Vaccinations - Private Vaccines – OUT OF STOCK

For those that are not eligible for the government funded flu shots. More vaccines have been ordered, although due to high demand the delivery time cannot be estimated.

Criteria for Government funded Vaccines- ALL STOCK HAS ARRIVED

- All children from 6 months to less than 5 years of age
- All adults aged 65 years and older
- Pregnant women (at any stage)
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over
- Individuals aged 6 months and older with medical conditions which increase the risk of influenza disease complications (for a full list go to NCIRS Influenza Vaccines Fact Sheet).

Please phone the Surgery on ph. 9645 1210 to make an appointment for a Flu Clinic.

SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The Shire Administration Centre is temporarily closed for ALL walk-ins due to the Government's current physical distancing restrictions.

However, we are still open to the public by telephone ph. 9645 2400 or email shire@quairading.wa.gov.au

For **urgent business** we recommend that you telephone to make an appointment between the hours of: -

9am – 12 pm and 1pm - 3pm

All transactions will be done electronically (Credit / Debit Card or Online Bank Transfer).

Department of Transport licencing can be processed via phone on 1300 655 322 or directly online with the Department of Transport www.transport.wa.gov.au/dvs

QUAIRADING CRC

The Quairading CRC will remain temporarily closed, however the team can still be contacted for any reason by emailing quairading@crc.net.au or calling Jill Hayes on 0459 220 053.

The Banksia Bulletin will be produced this week. So look out for this month's edition.

The Quairading CRC encourages all community members to jump on Facebook or Instagram and engage with online activities and events planned for the coming weeks. If you need a hand to get set up on Facebook or Instagram, get in touch with the CRC.

QUAIRADING POLICE STATION

A new initiative the **G2G PASS** has been launched to help the WA Police Force manage and enforce the State of Emergency Directions and assist in streamlining the process for those people with an exemption moving through borders and checkpoints.

Businesses or individuals can now apply for approval to travel, if they fall under an exempt category. We encourage all essential persons who are required to cross regional boundaries to apply for a G2G PASS. Primary producers or employees who have been issued with a 'Letter of Authority to Travel' are still able to use this documentation to support their approved travel. However, applying for a G2G PASS will help to ensure you are able to move through checkpoints more quickly and without any issues.

Visit the G2G PASS website at www.g2gpass.com.au and apply through the online form.

LITTLE RAINMAKERS CHILD CARE CENTRE

Fantastic News! Our Child Care Centre has from Tuesday 28th April 2020.

Come and join in the fun from 8:00am until 5:00pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

All children are welcome from 3 months to 12 years but bookings are essential because places are limited. Please call Danielle on 9645 0870 for a welcome pack.

Our service is for both essential and non-essential workers.

We have stepped up our safety measures against COVID-19 so if your child is not feeling well please stay home.

GRAEME FARDON
Chief Executive Officer

