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Community Update – COVID-19

Local cases a reminder to get tested if you show symptoms

With a number of active cases in the region, Maryborough District Health Service is urging community members to get tested if you show any symptoms of COVID-19 no matter how mild.

The Grampians Public Health Unit (GPHU) has confirmed there are two active cases in Central Goldfields Shire and the contact tracing team has been working carefully to identify close contacts.

The health unit has advised that KMART Maryborough has been exposed to a positive case. All primary close contacts from the site have been contacted. As such, the retail outlet has not been identified as a Tier 1 exposure site.

Sites are only publicly listed if primary close contacts can not be contacted, or are not known. However, in an abundance of caution, the GPHU has suggested that the community be reminded that COVID is potentially active in the Maryborough community.

“We know that KMART is a busy shopping destination and want to remind people to get tested if you show any symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild,” said Nickola Allan, Chief Executive Officer, Maryborough District Health Service.

“If you do have symptoms make an appointment to get tested straight away or stay at home and self-isolate until you can get a test.

“We want to be clear that there is no need to get tested if you have visited KMART and are not showing any symptoms,” she said.

“Maryborough District Health Service has extended the operating hours at our local testing clinic to deal with an expected increase in demand at this time.

“We are also working on arrangements for a pop-up testing clinic and will provide more information as soon as it is available,” she said.

To get tested at the local drive-through testing clinic in Maryborough please contact 5461 0300 to make an appointment. Testing is by appointment only. No drive-ups.

A number of testing clinics in Ballarat have capacity.

“A small number of local active cases close to home provides a timely reminder for everyone to stay calm and stay vigilant,” said Mrs Allan.

To stay up-to-date on the local situation and testing options visit mdhs.vic.gov.au/covid.

To find out clinic locations in Ballarat visit bhs.org.au/covid or across Victoria at coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19.

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