

PRESS RELEASE

Gastroenteritis outbreak

In light of recent reports in the media of multiple outbreaks of gastroenteritis and influenza our 160-bed residential facility in Inverell has implemented a restricted access response. The quarantine of our residential facility in Inverell is due to a confirmed outbreak of norovirus.

“We certainly don’t want to alarm anyone, and wish to reassure families and the wider community that McLean Care® has specific protocols in place to ensure our Residents receive the highest level of care during this difficult time.” continued Ms. Wade.

We will do everything that we can to contain the spread of the illness, and comfort and care for our residents who are infected. Gastro is not uncommon in the aged care industry, especially at this time of year. Elderly people and children are particularly susceptible to the more severe complications of both gastroenteritis and influenza. said Sarah Wade, General Manager Residential Services at McLean Care®.

McLean Care® are asking that members of the community refrain from visiting and accessing the facility at this time until further notice.

Families of any infected Residents have been contacted and we maintain open communication with them as to their health and wellbeing. If any family members of residents have any concerns, they are invited to contact McLean Care® for further information and updates.

Symptoms of gastroenteritis can include diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, fever, headaches and general lethargy. Symptoms of norovirus develop rapidly, within 2-3 days, and an infected person can be infectious for a few days, and may transmit the virus, one to two days before the onset of their own symptoms.

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