

Yooralla Pandemic Plan E-Newsletter

Eighth Edition—24 June 2009

Yooralla's Pandemic Operational Hotline no longer in operation

Yooralla's Pandemic Plan is still at Level 2

This means we will:

- Continue to implement measures to minimize the risk of infection across all services using standard infection control measures
- Stocks of Personal Protective Equipment will be maintained and available where necessary
- Yooralla management have identified services where people are at a **higher risk** from influenza viruses, and will continue to implement strategies to minimize risk, including **service closure or social isolation**
- **Residential services** are asked to keep pantries stocked with non-perishable foods in case the status of the pandemic changes
- The **Pandemic Plan** update link will be maintained on the Yooralla website and intranet
- The **website** will be updated at least **weekly**, or more often if needed
- The **E-Newsletter** will be issued weekly, or more often if needed. The newsletter will be distributed on Wednesdays

Service Closures:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has made the decision to exclude all students from the **Belmore School** following a confirmed case of Swine Flu. The school staff and Yooralla staff will continue to go to work but students will be kept away—it is assumed that they will recommence at school at the beginning of next term.

Children who attend **Belmore School** and access other Yooralla services (i.e. facility based respite) will continue their planned services, unless they are presenting flu-like symptoms.

There has been a Swine Flu case amongst children at **Altona North Early Childhood Kindergarten** group—Yooralla children have been excluded from the service for the rest of the week.

The following services are considered Vulnerable Services

Powely Pde	Elsie Jones Drive	Ketnor Rd
2 Clota Ave	Clifton St	Moodie St
30 Clota Ave	Albert St	Blackwood St
Lever St	Eskdale Rd	Alfred St
Splatt St	Stephensons Rd	RCH Family Choice Clients

Along with some Family Options, ISP and In-home clients, please refer to your Manager for more details.

Staff returning to work:

All services are doing a fantastic job letting us know when they are away from work with flu like symptoms—BUT we also need to know when you're back! This is an essential part of our tracking system.

Due to the change in Yooralla's Pandemic Plan level, the 24 hour help desk at Carnegie has been discontinued. Staff should continue to direct queries to service managers. Queries can also be directed to the Pandemic Manager (details below) if the service manager is unavailable

Important Phone Numbers

Swine Influenza Hotline (Victorian Government)

- 180 2007
- Nurse On-Call
- 1300 606 024

Useful websites

www.humanswineflu.health.vic.gov.au
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
www.healthemergency.gov.au
www.smarttraveller.gov.au

World Health Organization— www.who.int

Pandemic Manager Jenny Boulton:

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Yooralla Service Information

• Services will **no longer be closed, or socially isolated**, if a staff member or client is displaying flu-like symptoms (or been in contact with someone with Human Swine Flu), **except services where clients have a high vulnerability to the virus**. This will be determined by the service and Pandemic Managers. **Staff are reminded, that as with all influenza viruses, if you are displaying flu-like symptoms, you should not come to work and seek medical advice as soon as possible**

Meetings and Training
Meetings and training are to return to normal operations in July.