

**Arcare Maidstone draft statement – 31.05.21**

Arcare can confirm that unfortunately a second team member and one resident at its Maidstone residence have tested positive to COVID-19.

The resident received one dose of the Pfizer vaccine however the second team member did not receive the first dose of the vaccine on 12 May as she was on personal leave when the vaccinations took place on that day.

The resident is displaying mild symptoms however we are transferring them to hospital where their condition can be closely monitored. The team members also have mild symptoms and are recovering at home.

Arcare can confirm 53 of the 76 residents at Maidstone consented to receive the vaccine and have received one dose of the Pfizer vaccine. The second dose was due to be administered on Tuesday but has been brought forward to today, Monday 31 May. All Arcare Maidstone team members are also being offered their first or second dose tomorrow.

We are closely monitoring our residents and team members for signs and symptoms and a second round of testing will be carried out tomorrow, Tuesday 1 June. Contact tracing is well underway.

We are doing everything possible to minimise any further exposure to residents and team members and have placed the Maidstone residence in lockdown. This means that clients need to self-isolate in their suites and team members are now wearing full personal protective equipment (PPE).

Arcare is well prepared for this outbreak and our infection control practices position us well to manage this effectively. We have sufficient personal protective equipment and all other supplies necessary to continue to provide support and services to our clients and team safely.

We are working closely with both Commonwealth and State agencies and outreach services to support our clients and team members.

At this time, there are no other cases of COVID-19 in any of our other residences and we have actively limited the movement of team members between residences and visitation since the Stage 3 lockdown came into effect.

We would like to reassure all families and friends of Arcare Maidstone that our thoughts are with them during this difficult time and we will keep them informed with regular updates on the situation.

We will be posting media statements on our website which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

**Statement attributed to Colin Singh, CEO Arcare.**