Dear Practice Managers and Receptionists,

Please pass this **URGENT** message to all GPs and practice nurses.

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**Peninsula Health- GP Liaison Unit**

**FAST FACT**

**Peninsula Health CORONAVIRUS UPDATE for GPs (2)**

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**From the Executive Director Medical Services & Clinical Governance**

Dear GPs,

- **Expression of Interest by GPs for Emergency Short Term Employment at Peninsula Health**

We know that as general practitioners, managing your own practice and patient needs are paramount. However we would like to extend a welcome to any general practitioner who would consider being employed for at least a short term in areas of need at Peninsula Health as the demands on the health service require it.

Peninsula Health will expedite the accreditation processes for GPs and support you in this process.

- Please email Jo Newton [jnewton@phcn.vic.gov.au](mailto:jnewton@phcn.vic.gov.au) to indicate your interest. (Email subject to change as likely to be directed elsewhere in the future)

- If you have an area of special interest or expertise please indicate on your reply.

- **Updates on Services at Peninsula Health**

Peninsula Health has a comprehensive response to managing COVID-19 which is evolving daily. We understand that you would like to be informed of service changes occur to keep care processed running safely through this time. The GP Liaison office will keep you updated about important changes to services at Peninsula Health as soon as possible.

- **COVID-19 Screening Clinic**

**COVID-19 Screening Clinic at our Frankston site** is at John Madder Hall at Frankston Hospital and is open from 1000 to 2000 every day.
In line with the Department of Health and Human Services advice it is requested that General Practitioners continue to screen patients where possible.

If this is not possible, and the patient meets all of the current criteria for testing, please send them to the Frankston Hospital Screening Clinic. Please do not send patients to the Emergency Department unless they are very unwell.

Thank you for your assistance during this time.

Regards,

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Executive Director Medical Services & Clinical Governance
Peninsula Health

EMERGENCY CARE

If your patients are UNWELL and may have Coronavirus as per DHHS clinical guidelines, Please contact the Emergency Department before you send your patient.

Frankston ED Consultant Phone 9784 7196
Rosebud ED Consultant Phone 5986 0623

For Up to Date Coronavirus Guidelines
Department of Health and Human Services for Health Services and General Practitioners-coronavirus disease

South East Medicare Local also host daily updates here; https://www.semphn.org.au/resources/coronavirus.html

For all GP related information visit our GP Liaison Unit webpage – click here
Questions or comments?
Contact us;
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- PHONE 9788 2651 - Tuesdays and Thursdays

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