

Staff Update 6th November

As we went into an England-wide lockdown yesterday, a member of the Marie-Therese House (MTH) staff team reported experiencing one of the symptoms of Covid-19. Accordingly they have moved into isolation and are awaiting the outcome of a coronavirus test.

As a precaution, a number of things are happening at today

- 1) We have decided to test all staff and all sisters at Marie Therese House. This has commenced already and will continue through to 11am this morning. An area of the front car park (at the far end) has been cordoned off for some of the MTH staff tests to be conducted.
- 2) We have asked people from MTH not to enter the hospital until we have sufficient surety that the test results are fine.
- 3) We are providing coronavirus management support into MTH. Rasheed is our coronavirus lead, with staff matters being communicated via Sue O'Rourke.
- 4) Sr. Kathleen has the mobile numbers of myself, Rasheed, Gina, Sue and Jo and can contact any of us at any time.

As we experienced back in March, things can develop quickly, or they can go away. My hope is that the tests are fine, in which case it will have been an opportunity for the MTH staff to practice their CV-19 skills.

Our religious community is part of the essence of Holy Cross --- in fact they are the genesis of the hospital's existence, so they are important to us. Although these are precautionary measures, it will be unsettling, so I know they would appreciate our thoughts and prayers.

Please remain focused in the weeks ahead.