

## Medical Certificate of Cause of Death now provided to General Practice

GPs will now receive a copy of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) for patients who die during an admission to a THS hospital that uses the SLRS electronic software.

Current hospitals in the North that have access to the software include the Launceston General Hospital, George Town District Hospital, North Eastern Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Scotsdale, St Helens District Hospital, Campbell Town Hospital, Deloraine District Hospital.

Further details about this new process provided as a PDF, and references the following important information regarding the certificates:

- The MCCD is not the Discharge Summary – it gives the cause of death only.
- It does not become the 'official' certificate until it has been validated by Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM) and only BDM can provide the official MCCD
- This document is not to be provided to members of the deceased persons family.

## Launceston educational event: Aortic Stenosis from detection to treatment

### UPDATE 30/7/21 THIS EVENT HAS NOW OCCURED

Registration is still open to meet our Tasmanian Interventional Cardiologists including Launceston's Dr Umair Hyat and Hobart's Dr Heath Adams together with our Cardiothoracic Surgeons on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at Peppers Silo in Launceston from 6:30 PM to 9 PM. They will be discussing the latest in diagnosis, management, and treatment for aortic stenosis.

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# Primary Health Reform Steering Group Draft Recommendations: Discussion Paper

The Australian Government has established the Primary Health Reform Steering Group to provide independent expert advice to support the development of the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan as part of Australia's Long-Term National Health Plan.

The Steering Group has produced a discussion paper outlining its draft recommendations which is currently open for consultation until 27 July 2021. If you are interested in adding your voice to the discussion, please click on the following link [Primary Health Reform Steering Group Draft Recommendations - Discussion Paper - Australian Government Department of Health - Citizen Space](#)

## COVID-19: Testing update

Patients can now register online for the THS COVID testing clinic in Launceston and Hobart by visiting [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/testing](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/testing)

By completing the registration form, patients will then receive a call back from a team member to complete their booking.

COVID-19 test appointments can still be made by calling the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

The Burnie and Devonport clinics do not require a booking where patients can just turn-up to the site.

## Contact Me

The THS relies on your feedback to ensure that we are addressing the right issues in our work and bringing you the information that you need. Please contact me with your feedback or issues via [izzy.morse@ths.tas.gov.au](mailto:izzy.morse@ths.tas.gov.au) or secure fax 6777 5186.

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*Every effort has been made to ensure this newsletter was correct at time of publication. The latest coronavirus information for Tasmania can be found at [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)*

For information regarding referrals to THS services please see the THS outpatients webpage [www.outpatients.tas.gov.au](http://www.outpatients.tas.gov.au)

For localised clinical guidelines please see Tasmania Health Pathways [www.tasmania.communityhealthpathways.org](http://www.tasmania.communityhealthpathways.org)

# COVID-19: quick links to handy resources

## [Tasmanian Coronavirus website](#) key updates:

- [Resources for GPs](#) - Primary Care Updates, Contact Tracing - Direction No.7 (effective 31 July 2021), Posters Cough Etiquette, Everyday essentials for your COVID safety kit
- Current [Tasmanian Statistics](#)
- [Important community updates](#)
- [Book a vaccination appointment](#) - Updated content for community clinics, additional support clinics
- [Testing for COVID-19](#) - Negative pre-departure test for travel to NZ content
- [Travelling overseas](#) – Updated content New Zealand pre-departure test requirements
- [Coming to Tasmania](#) - Current status updates, approved airport hotels, travel alerts
- [Travel alert](#) – border restrictions and high-risk declarations
- [Essential Traveller categories](#) - Page updated outlining categories and evidence required
- [Guide for social events](#) - Content updated Check in TAS removal of the 15 min requirement
- [Government Check in TAS policy](#) - New page created
- [Check in TAS resources](#) - Government resources added, updated fact sheets Check in TAS

## Quick links:

- [Australian Government Coronavirus website](#)
- [Department of Health, Tasmania on Facebook](#)
- [Translated resources](#)

## Hotlines and support

- National Coronavirus Helpline **1800 020 080** - for translating or interpreting services call **131 450**
- Tasmanian Public Health Hotline **1800 671 738**
- [Beyond Blue - Looking after your mental health during the coronavirus outbreak](#) **1300 224 636**
- [Tasmanian Lifeline](#) **1800 98 44 34**