

Influenza season preparations

With an apparent early start to the influenza season this year, West Moreton Public Health Unit (WMPHU) would like to remind General Practitioners (GP) who visit residential care facilities that now would be a good time to prepare for possible influenza outbreaks. It would be ideal to:

- Ensure that care facility residents have a recent creatinine clearance in case they require oseltamivir treatment or prophylaxis
- Residents have had their age appropriate influenza vaccination this year
- Any residents with respiratory symptoms should have a prompt respiratory panel PCR test and consideration of influenza antiviral treatment

It may also be worthwhile GP checking with any residential care facilities where they have patients that there is an influenza outbreak plan in place and all staff know their roles if an outbreak occurs.

WMPHU will be running an Outbreak Management Workshop for residential facilities' staff and interested GP on Wednesday 26 June 2019 at Queens Park Conference Room (8:30AM-1PM). RSVP required to secure a place: telephone 38184700.

Any enquiries may be directed to WMPHU: telephone 38184700.

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