

COVID-19

Frequently Asked Questions

For consumers of the Michael Rice Centre

This is a changing landscape and this guidance will be updated as appropriate. Please refer to [SA Health Website](#) for the most up to date information.

How might coronavirus affect my child who is undergoing cancer treatment?

Data currently seems to show that the infection is milder in children than in adults. However, children and young people undergoing cancer treatment have a weakened immune system which will make it harder for the body to fight off infections such as COVID-19. It is important for children with cancer and their families to follow steps to protect themselves where possible.

What should I do if my child develops a fever or any other symptoms?

You should follow the normal guidance if your child develops a fever.

Your child will be assessed and treated as per WCH policy and as per standard protocol. Please call ahead to inform clinic/ward you are coming to the hospital.

If you are concerned that your child has symptoms of COVID-19 or has a known COVID-19 contact, it is essential that you inform clinic 8161 7411 or ward 8161 7225 before your arrival so necessary arrangements can be made.

Will the supply of my child's medications be affected by COVID-19?

The pharmacy department has been looking at its supply chains to ensure a secure supply of necessary drugs. There is an action plan in place to manage the supply of medicines in Australia. Whilst this situation may change, currently there are no shortages linked to coronavirus and no drug manufacturers have said they expect problems with supply due to coronavirus.

What if I have some more questions?

Please speak to your child's consultant or any member of the team.

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