



## **COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PATIENT UPDATE #10**

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Dear Valued Repromed Patient,

Today Premier Steven Marshall held a press conference in which he announced a government directive for a 6 day state-wide lockdown as of midnight tonight (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November).

All of us at Repromed understand that these measures are important to ensure the health and safety of our community and will place us in a strong position to fight and hopefully stamp out COVID-19 within our state. We also recognise that this is a very challenging time but especially for people who require fertility treatment therefore we would like to provide you with the following update which will commence as of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Phone Consultations.**

All clinical and counselling (including genetic counselling) consultations will be moved to phone appointments until further notice.

Our Patient Services Team are currently in the process of contacting all patients with up and coming appointments to notify them of this change.

### **IVF, FET, OI and IUI Cycles.**

If you are a patient currently undergoing an IVF, FET, OI or IUI cycle, you can continue at this stage. If there is any change required to your treatment plan rest assured, we will be in contact with you.

### **Nurse Interviews and Drug Instructions.**

All nurse interviews and drug instructions will be shifted to phone appointments until further notice. Our nursing team will contact you at your designated appointment time for your consult.

If you require medications for your cycle, please note that you are still able to collect them from our pharmacy at Dulwich.

### **Postponed Treatments and Services.**

To ensure we can safely manage patient flow, adhere to social distancing requirements and abide by the government's directive for South Australian's to stay home where possible, we have made the tough decision to postpone the following services which are scheduled on or until Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Please note that if you are having any of the below treatments, one of our team will be in contact with you to reschedule your appointment.

- Baseline scans and bloods
- Diagnostic semen analysis
- Pregnancy scans unless there is a clinical indication to do them earlier (ie pain, bleeding)
- The HyCoSy list
- External viability pregnancy scans (ie nest)
- Hysteroscopies (unless performed with an OPU)

**Regional Patients.**

In today's press conference, Commission Grant Stevens announced that regional travel will not be approved during the 6 day lockdown.

We are currently trying to gain clarity for our regional patients how and if this ban will affect your treatment.

**Nest.**

Bloods for our nest test are still able to be taken and tested however the accompanied viability scan will not be offered at this current time.

**Partner / Support Person Attendance.**

We understand that fertility treatment is an emotional time and one in which people find great comfort having their loved ones with them when they visit our clinic for treatment however this needs to be in balance with our adherence to the latest government directive which requires people to remain at home.

As such partners are only able to attend when either providing their semen sample or when dropping off or collecting their partners from our day surgery. At all other times partners will be required to remain off-site.

We also ask that if you have a support person, they also only attend our clinic when dropping off or collecting you from our day surgery. As with partners, they will be required to remain off-site at all other times.

**No Children in Clinic.**

To ensure we are conforming to the Government guidelines on individuals gathering in public spaces and to minimise the number of people within our clinic at any given time, we will continue to enforce our no child/ren policy within our clinic.

**Mawson Lakes Clinic.**

Our clinic at Mawson Lakes will be closed until further notice.

Rest assured that the Repromed Leadership Team are regularly reviewing new information as it comes to hand and discussing if we need to adapt our services to ensure we maintain patient and staff safety at all times.

I encourage you to continue to be vigilant about your health but above all else to look after yourself and your loved ones.

Take care and warmest regards,  
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