



LMC & Covid Liaison Midwife Update 05/07/2022

- As we move into the new wave of the Omicron variant outbreak Catherine Rietveld has once again taken up the role of the Covid Liaison Midwife. As you are all aware Catherine did an amazing job of keeping everyone up to date with news regarding Omicron. Thank you Catherine for giving us your time over the next few weeks while the surge is at its strongest. Please contact Catherine via text 0272286747, or email rietveld560@gmail.com if you contract Covid or Influenza. It is important for us to have an idea of the number of LMC midwives isolating and the impact that this is having on community midwifery care. Wherever possible it is anticipated that back up arrangements will be made within and across practices. The “What’s App” second midwife alert system has been successfully utilised for arranging other kinds of midwifery cover as well. In the eventuality that the community workforce is unable to cope then conversations need to be had with ACMM & CMM at CWH as they may still claim the ‘Covid locum cover payments’
- Would there be any midwives you know or would you yourself be interested in taking up a short-fixed term contract in MAU. This would be for MAU only. The contract would be for 4 months and be set shifts. If you are interested or know of any midwife who would be interested then please contact Katherine Gee.
- CWH has been approved an increase in FTE and are interested in any midwives with an APC would be happy to come and do some work
- All face to face education has been stopped until mid-August, there is plenty of online education that could be undertaken instead.
- If you are transferring in via ambulance from Rangiora, Oromairaki or Ashburton then you are able to ask the ACMM for a taxi chit to get back to your car.

- If there is any local LMC who is able to provide cares for women who transfer in from Ashburton either in labour or for IOL could you please let the Ashburton midwives know that you are happy to be called on to provide labour cares.
- If you are doing a CTG in a Primary Unit and need this reviewed as part of the “Fresh Eyes” initiative it is completely acceptable to send a photo of the CTG and send it to the MAU midwife. Please ensure you include the woman’s name and NHI number. This must be followed by a phone call and discussion of reason for the CTG and concerns you may have. If you are unable to reach the MAU midwife then please try Birth Suite ACMM or Obstetric Reg. MAU cell phone is 021341917.
There will be CTG envelopes with the CTG machines at Primary Units. Please leave the CTG in an envelope with the woman’s details at the Primary Unit These will be sent into clinical records and put into the woman’s notes.
- Since the opening of Oromairaki they have been averaging 2-3 births a day. Approval has been granted for two core midwives on each shift. This is the same for Rangiora. It is great that our Primary Units are being so well used by women and midwives.
- The Central City Primary Unit is planning to open in May 2023. This will be a 20-bed unit with 4 birthing rooms. Each birthing room will have a birthing pool. The aim is for this unit to be the first option for central city women.
There have been rumours that there will be IOL offered at the CCPU but this will not be the case.
Also offered onsite will be space for LMC’s to do antenatal clinics, antenatal education and some outpatient obstetric clinics like they have at Rangiora and Oromairaki.
Women will be able to have a 1-2 day stay for postnatal cares.

Keep warm and safe

Sonya & Catherine