

## COVID-19 - IMPORTANT Information for GP's - WE ARE OPEN

The Digestive Health Centre **is back to business as normal**. We are following all DHHS, Commonwealth, GESA, NSQHS and other official recommendations to respond to the current outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). We have stringent infection control procedures to ensure the safety of our staff, patients and visitors.

**We are excited to be back to full capacity. All elective colonoscopy & gastroscopy procedures are now being performed at The Digestive Health Centre. Our consulting services are also fully operation, including face to face consulting. Telehealth appointments are still available until July 2022 for patients who cannot attend the centre. This includes our paediatric and allied health professionals.**

In the interests of patient and staff safety, and to reduce COVID-19 in the broader community we have put a range of measures and precautions in place.

These include:

- Screening of our staff
- Pre operative COVID-19 testing available
- Social distancing practiced throughout the facility
- Additional cleaning and sanitation measures have been implemented
- Placement of extra Hand hygiene products around the facility
- Requiring all attending patients/carers/visitors to wear a mask
- Screening patients and visitors in order to provide safe care
- Limiting visitors/carer access
- Equipping our Endoscopists, Anaesthetists and Nurses with appropriate personal protective equipment
- Conducting pre admission nurse consultations over the phone instead of face to face
- Preparation instructions are emailed to all patients undergoing a procedure  
OR Preparation kits are posted, time allowing
- Offering cashless transactions

Providing thorough post procedure follow up calls At the Digestive Health Centre, your patient's Digestive Health is our priority.

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### Booking information for Telehealth consultations, phone consultations & urgent procedures

- Step 1:** Please indicate on your referral, if your patient requires a Telehealth consultation, Phone consultation or an urgent procedure
- Step 2:** Referrals can be sent to us via;  
Fax – 9706 9119  
Email via argus – [argus@digestivehealth.com.au](mailto:argus@digestivehealth.com.au)
- Step 3:** A Digestive Health team member will contact your patient to arrange a suitable time for consultation
- Step 4:** One of our Gastroenterologist's will contact your patient via phone or a video call platform