

Monday 30 March 2020 1700 hours

Important information for rural GP teams – please share this with everyone in your team

General information

- A project team which includes staff from Waitaha Primary Health, Canterbury Clinical Network, District Council, St John and leaders within the Canterbury Primary Response Group (CPRG) has been working to get two Community Based Assessment Clinics (CBACs) developed to a state of readiness under the direction of the Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC), Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and CPRG.
- One site is in the Waimakariri District (based in Rangiora) and one in the Hurunui District (based in Amberley) as part of a coordinated health system response to COVID-19.
- Clinical staffing of the sites is being coordinated centrally through CPRG. Any General Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners or Nurses wishing to contribute to a CBAC site are to contact the Primary Emergency Operations Centre on eoc@cprg.org.nz to register their availability.
- Refer patients to the CBACs via ERMS. Guidelines for referral can be found on [Community Health Pathways > COVID-19 Requests](#).
- Telephone triage service will receive all ERMS referrals, triage and book patients who meet the case definition into the CBAC.

Hurunui

- The Hurunui CBAC is located onsite at Amberley Medical Centre.
- It is anticipated there will be a soft launch of the Hurunui site on Wednesday 1 April 2020.
- Patients must be booked for an appointment to be seen.

Waimakariri

- The Waimak CBAC is located at Mainpower Hockey Turf, Coldstream Rd, Rangiora.
- We will ensure the building is progressed to a state of readiness this week and will advise once confirmation of building alterations are complete.
- Patients must be booked for an appointment to be seen.

More information

- Any queries regarding the Canterbury response should be directed to the appropriate channel. All current (and previous) updates and many other resources are available on the CPRG website: <http://www.primaryhealthresponse.org.nz/plan-prepare/other-infectious-risk/>
- For any clinical clarifications around managing COVID-19, HealthPathways is the central point of consistency.
- For any patient or general queries, these are to be directed to the all of government Unite against Covid-19 campaign site at covid19.govt.nz or [HealthInfo](#).

Kind regards,

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