

# Taking your baby home & postnatal care

## COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

### Maternity Services would like to congratulate you on the birth of your new baby.

Women who are going home from birth suite or the postnatal ward will be offered access to postnatal midwife visits. If you are taking your baby home from the Special Care Nursery, you can expect a visit from either a midwife or special care nursery staff member, depending on your baby's needs. We will discuss these visits and plan them with you before you go home from hospital.

On the morning of your planned home visit you should expect a call from the hospital midwife who conduct a COVID-19 screening assessment. This will involve some questions about your health and your contact with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. Please note this will be from a **No Caller ID** number and we ask that you answer it.

If you begin to have flu like symptoms such as a fever with a sore throat or cough or have been in contact with someone with the above mentioned symptoms or a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19, please call the appropriate number below so that we can plan your care.

#### Contact Barwon Health Maternity Services:

Postnatal Ward **4215 2312**

Special Care Nursery **4215 2089**

### Maternal and Child Health services access has changed

To limit the spread of COVID-19 in the community, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services are adopting alternative modes of service delivery including telephone or electronic consultations and will continue to provide services to families. Group sessions have been deferred until further notice. You can expect a call from your local maternal child health service once you are home with your baby.

For further information please contact your local MCH service for changes to the delivery of their care and remember the 24-hour MCH phone line is always available on ph **13 22 29**.

#### Contact your local Maternal Child Health Service:

Surf Coast Shire 5261 0549	City of Greater Geelong 5272 4741	Golden Plains Shire 5220 7230
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