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Waitematā DHB to assist with temporary transfer of St Margaret residents

Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) will assist with the temporary transfer of up to 20 residents from St Margarets Hospital and Rest Home in Te Atatu to help the facility overcome short-term staffing shortage issues.

A number of St Margarets' staff have been stood down from work to go into precautionary self-isolation due to close contact with people confirmed positive for COVID-19. This has impacted the facility's ability to maintain a full staffing roster.

An agreement has been reached to transfer six St Margarets residents to Waitakere Hospital this afternoon.

Waitematā DHB will transfer up to 14 further patients over the weekend if required by St Margarets.

The DHB will apply its compassionate visiting guidelines to allow the loved ones of residents to visit them where appropriate.

The transfers will ensure the residents receive the support they need while St Margarets staff are cleared to return to work.

A number of Waitematā DHB staff continue working inside the facility to help maintain business-as-usual care to other residents.

The residents will return to St Margarets as soon as there are sufficient staff available to facilitate this.

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Notes for editors

The Northland and metro Auckland DHBs (Counties Manukau, Waitematā and Auckland DHBs) are operating a regional response to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC).

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