

Councillor Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

The Herald Sun reported today two people may have contracted measles at the St Kilda Library between the 25-30 August 2017. Can Officers confirm or explain what actions have taken place to warn people that used the Library on these days of the risk of infection as the illness can remain dormant for some time before symptoms appear?

(Cr Pearl)

Response

Doug Martin, our Coordinator Health Services has spoken with the DHHS Manager Communicable Diseases Investigation and Response who has confirmed:

- The library was identified as a possible location (along with numerous other sites) where the infection may have been acquired. DHHS were taking a precautionary approach to include the location in the media release
- No specific action is required by Council in relation to the St Kilda Library
- Had any action been required, such as warning / advice signage, a direction from DHHS would have been received prior to the publication of the media release
- Library staff were contacted over the weekend by DHHS and enquiries made as to whether it was possible to obtain a list of people who attended the library. They have now confirmed such a list is not required
- The Department has confirmed that Council is not required to place signage at the library in relation to this investigation.

We have ensured that all library staff have been updated on the investigation by the Department and we are responding to any questions that they may have.

**Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*