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Dear community members

As you know, a number of mystery cases have been identified in St Kilda and surrounds, and there continues to be a high risk of unidentified transmission.

We thank members of the City of Port Phillip and City of Glen Eira for their efforts over the last few days in taking action and helping us get the message out.

The mystery cases that we are seeing aren't linked by age. They are not linked by faith. They might live or work in the City of Glen Eira, or the City of Port Phillip. The only thing they share is geographic proximity.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, you should get tested immediately if you have symptoms of COVID-19, or have visited an exposure site, or been in contact with someone who has been exposed to COVID-19.

Due to the number of unlinked cases in the area, we are also encouraging as many people as possible to come forward for testing across the City of Glen Eira and the City of Port Phillip.

You can go further than five kilometres to seek a test. If you go to your closest site, there may be active diversions in place so we can manage wait times at those testing sites.

If you think it's going to be quicker to get in the car and travel to a larger site, please do it – you're free to do so. We just ask that you get your test and then go back home again.

For a full list of exposure sites, please visit: https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites.

Thank you again on behalf of the Department of Health for your efforts in keeping the Victorian community safe.

Yours sincerely

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