Information for Volunteers and Participants in relation to COVID-19

As the threat of COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the world, Ozderm/Oztrials Clinical Research is taking infection prevention very seriously. The health and safety of all our staff, clinical trial Screening Volunteers and Trial Participants are our priority.

Please be advised that Ozderm/Oztrials Clinical Research is implementing the following procedures for all Screening Volunteers and Trial Participants to take effect immediately:

• Volunteers and Participants with any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 are not allowed to enter the building. The symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, headache and shortness of breath.

• Volunteers and Participants with any of these symptoms, need to contact the study team over the phone or email. If needed, the study team will consult with our designated Ozderm/Oztrials Doctor to make an individualised assessment.

• According to the latest Australian Government advice, anyone who has returned from overseas travel on or after midnight on Sunday 15th March is required to self-isolate at home for 14 days prior to attending Ozderm/Oztrials provided they are symptom free.

• Individuals are not to attend visits at Ozderm/Oztrials if they have had personal contact with anyone suspected of or a confirmed case of COVID-19. According to the Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) ‘suspected’ is defined as:
  ➢ Overseas travel in the preceding 14 days with existing symptoms
  ➢ A healthcare worker exposed to a patient with acute respiratory infection in the preceding 14 days with existing symptoms

If anyone is considered a ‘suspected’ case, they will be advised to attend a COVID-19 screening clinic for testing.

• Anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 is required to stay away from the facility for a minimum of 14 days AND provide a medical document confirming full recovery prior to returning to Ozderm/Oztrials.

• Ozderm/Oztrials Clinical Research staff have been advised and made aware of the COVID-19 symptoms and are actively checking for these symptoms in all volunteers and participants that attend the facility.

• Appropriate sanitisation procedures are in place at Ozderm/Oztrials to reduce and minimise the risk of virus spread.

• Our staff may use Personal Protective Equipment such as gloves and face mask if needed during visits and maintain social distancing where possible. Sneeze guards are installed in all consultation areas.

• Volunteers and Participants attending study visits are encouraged to use hand sanitizers and face masks provided and maintain social distancing of 1.5 meters.

• If there is a subsequent finding of COVID-19 in a Volunteer or Participant at Ozderm/Oztrials, any persons who were proximally involved with that individual will not be allowed to attend the facility for at least 14 days after the last day they were in contact with that individual. Ozderm/Oztrials will then seek further advice from relevant infectious diseases authorities.

*Definition of ‘proximally’:
  • Being within 2 metres (approx. 6 feet) for about 10 minutes contact OR
  • Being in direct contact with any secretions e.g. (specimen collection, coughed on, etc.)

Ozderm/Oztrials Clinical Research acknowledges that the COVID-19 situation is evolving, and we are required to follow the relevant authorities’ advice here in Australia as they develop.