



## SwingShift Nurses Notes



### Coronavirus

Coronavirus (COVID-19) has spread throughout China, reaching most of the country's major cities, including Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. At the end of February more than 81,000 cases of the virus had been reported in 44 countries — including Australia, USA, Italy, France, Japan, South Korea, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and Taiwan. Symptoms of coronavirus can include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, fatigue, sore throat,



### EMR training on our website

SwingShift Nurses has launched access to mandatory and electronic medical records (EMR) training modules on our website. All SwingShift nurses can now log in to the website and access the training modules from anywhere. Some health networks require nurses to complete mandatory online training modules prior to their first shift. Additionally, EMR is being implemented across Australia and is designed to help organisations provide safer, more effective and

and/or shortness of breath. In severe cases, coronavirus has led to death. If you have been to China or to any high-risk locations and are experiencing flu-like symptoms, you should immediately phone your doctor and explain your symptoms and travel history. **It is also important you inform the staff at SwingShift Nurses.**



### **Get your flu vaccination**

Last year Australia experienced its worst influenza (flu) season on record with more than 310,000 people presenting to hospital and health services nationwide. The figure was seven times greater than Australia's previous 18-year average. While 'flu season' is usually associated with the winter months, infectious disease experts believe 'the season' in 2020 is likely to start in late March. The influenza vaccine remains the best way to protect yourself from this potentially debilitating virus. SwingShift Nurses offers flu vaccinations to all staff and you will be notified once the vaccine becomes available. Please take the opportunity to be vaccinated.



### **Health minister's award for nursing**

Nominations for the 2020 Health Minister's Award for Nursing Trailblazers are now open. The award was launched last year by federal health minister Greg Hunt in conjunction with the Australian College of Nursing. The award acknowledges the vital role nurses play in transforming the country's

an overall higher standard of care. An EMR system is the equivalent of paper records or charts in the hospital setting. Nurses need to be familiar with a hospital's EMR system and need access in order to log-in to the database, sign-off on notes, administer medications, etc. If you need assistance completing online training modules please contact the SwingShift team on 03 9481 7222.



### **Join us at DigniTEA**

SwingShift Nurses is inviting you to join our team at the 5th annual high tea fundraiser for Share the Dignity. The DigniTEA event will be held on World Menstrual Hygiene Day, Sunday 24 May, from 12.30pm at Melbourne Town Hall. It features live entertainment, competitions and delicious food and drink. You will also learn more about the work of Share the Dignity and the Australian charity's efforts to raise funds to provide sanitary products to homeless women as well as those at-risk of and experiencing domestic violence. Tickets to DigniTEA sell-out quickly each year and are available

at <https://sharethedignity.com.au/events/dignitea-2020-melbourne/>



### **Get the SwingShift app**

If you haven't downloaded the SwingShift Nurses app yet, make sure you do soon. The SwingShift Nurses allocations team will be sending out shift and confirmation notifications through the app and it is a much easier way to keep your availability and other important information up-to-

health and aged care system. It is bestowed upon a nurse who has demonstrated leadership to bring new thinking to a wide range of health care challenges. Nominations for the award close on 31 March and the winner will be announced at the Australian College of Nursing National Nursing Forum Gala Dinner on 20 August 2020. For more information and to nominate yourself or a colleague visit <https://www.acn.edu.au/nursing-trailblazers>

date. If you have any issues using the app please contact our friendly staff on 03 9481 7222.



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