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Newsflash

COVID-19 information for aged care members

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COVID-19 URGENT UPDATE

Private aged care facilities (for-profit and not-for-profit)

Single-site restrictions extended to until 23 September 2021

ANMF received information late (Thursday 2 September) from the Commonwealth Department of Health stating **a further three-week extension of single-site employment for all of Victoria.**

The single-site rules scheduled to expire yesterday, 2 September 2021, have now been extended to 23 September 2021.

ANMF will advise members as soon as possible if a further extension occur.

This means that if you have taken approved leave from another residential aged care provider to consolidate your hours at one site, then that approved leave will need to be extended until 23 September 2021.

Members should check the details of their approved leave. If it has an end date of 2 September 2021, you are encouraged to notify your employer that, in accordance with the updated and extended Guiding Principles, that leave is required until 23 September 2021. If the leave was for the duration of the operation of the single-site arrangements, then no further action is required.

An employer must grant that leave and hold your position open for you until 23 September 2021 or later if the Guiding Principles are extended.

Members are also advised that should you decide that you do not intend to return to one or more of your other positions, you must give those employers written "notice" that you will not be returning. The period of notice varies depending on the terms of your enterprise agreement, up to a maximum of four weeks' notice. If in doubt, contact ANMF Member Assistance.

Authorised by Lisa Fitzpatrick ANMF (Vic Branch) Secretary

What if I need further advice or support from ANMF (Vic Branch)?

In the first instance, contact Member Assistance via our online form:

<https://www.anmfvic.asn.au/memberassistance>

Do you believe you are being disadvantaged and require assistance?

If you require individual assistance because you believe you are being disadvantaged by the new requirements restricting you to working at a single workplace, please contact ANMF via

<https://www.anmfvic.asn.au/dualemployment>

ANMF encourages members to raise any concerns they have with management in the first instance as quickly as possible in addition to seeking assistance from ANMF.

Got a colleague not receiving ANMF emails?

If you have an ANMF colleague who is not receiving these newsflash emails, please pass this on and let them know they can re-subscribe via <https://anmfvic.asn.au/resubscribe>

Encourage your colleagues to join ANMF

Please invite your aged care nursing and personal care worker colleagues to join their union so they have access to support, advice and information about their employment. Let them know they can join via

<https://www.anmfvic.asn.au/join>

If you do not work in the areas named above, this newsflash has been sent for information purposes. This newsflash has also been sent to agency nurses who may be working in private aged care.

ANMF Job Reps and Health and Safety Reps are encouraged to display this newsflash in the workplace.