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# Newsflash

COVID-19 information for aged care members

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## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Private residential aged care Single site employment update - Melbourne Metro and Mitchell Shire**

As members would be aware, the Federal Government funding to support single site employment is to be reviewed before 30 November 2020.

ANMF understands that, on current COVID transmission data, the Federal Government is unlikely to extend the support beyond 30 November.

We anticipate confirmation by 13 November and will provide a further update as early as we can. We encourage members to pass this information on to other staff and managers.

The effect of this is that, unless an extension is made, the funding and guidelines around single site employment will cease on 30 November

This information is subject to any Directions from Victoria's Chief Health Officer. These directions were updated yesterday (8 November) and now expire on 6 December but may be extended. These directions do not change the requirement for providers to, as much as practicable, limit employees to one site. Where this is not practicable the provider must demonstrate systems of work (e.g. rosters) to minimise the number of workers working across sites. Where the worker has more than one employer, the obligation to declare that you work at more than one site (if you do) continues. In the event of an outbreak at one of those sites, specific restrictions prevent employees working at any other site immediately until they have had a period of isolation (14 days) and a negative COVID-19 test result.

**Members should begin preparation for a return to working with more than one provider** if that is what you were doing before the restrictions were put in place, unless you choose to cease working with multiple employers.

If you wish to cease working with multiple employers you should notify your primary employer and commence discussions about a permanent increase to your hours at your present workplace and then contact your other employer/s as soon as possible to give notice that you will not be returning.

## **Need support or advice**

Members who need support or advice transitioning back to multi-site employment can make contact the ANMF Member Assistance service via <https://anmfvic.asn.au/memberassistance>

## **Current protective equipment guidance for residential aged care**

The requirement for all residential aged care staff, including support staff with no resident contact, to wear face shields/goggles remains. This is in addition to PPE, including a surgical mask or particulate filter respirator. (Source: DHHS Personal protective equipment: guidance for residential aged care – 28 August via <https://bit.ly/3lbfLT3> )

## **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://www.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>

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