



ANMF NEWSFLASH

**** Clarification on N95 Mask Protocols at the LGH ****

Over the weekend of 1 June 2024, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) was contacted by nursing and midwifery staff at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) regarding a directive to re-enter N95 mask protocols.

This morning, Monday 3 June 2024, the ANMF has sought clarification from the Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services - Hospitals North on the following points:

1. ****Current Status of N95 Masks at LGH:****

We have requested an update on the status of N95 mask usage over the weekend and at present.

2. ****Directive Documentation:****

A copy of the directive issued to staff regarding the requirement to wear N95 masks has been requested for review.

3. ****PPE Allowance Confirmation:****

Confirmation that the PPE allowance will be paid as per Clause 30 of the *Nurses and Midwives (Tasmanian State Service) Agreement 2023* has been sought.

4. ****Recording Time in N95 Masks:****

Information regarding the process for staff to record time spent in N95 masks for the purpose of claiming the allowance has been requested.

Members are advised that the DoH PPE Allowance N95 Mask Wearing policy is complete. From the ANMF's perspective, there is no longer any impediment to the N95 mask allowance being paid. Additionally, we expect the Tasmanian Health Service (THS) to apply back pay.

****Action Steps for Members:****

1. ****Record Time in N95 Masks:****



2. Ensure you record your time spent wearing N95 masks.
3. Maintain a personal record and ensure this time is accurately reflected on your timesheets.

The ANMF is currently considering options for enforcing this allowance, including potentially taking the THS to the Industrial Commission for a breach of the Agreement.

Further updates will be provided as we receive more information.

In the interim, if you have any queries, please feel free to contact our Member Support Team on 1800 001 241. Alternatively, email membersupport@anmftas.org.au.

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