

The ANMF are here for you

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) have been made aware of a healthcare worker testing positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Given the identified healthcare worker is employed at your aged care facility and many members are now in isolation and have been tested for COVID-19, the ANMF wish to provide you with resources to support you during this difficult time.

The ANMF urge all members to ensure that you are keeping safe and using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in line with the Australian Government and Department of Health recommendations which can be accessed here:

https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-healthalert?utm_source=health.gov.au&utm_medium=redirect&utm_campaign=digital+transformation&utm_content=health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov#health-and-aged-care-sector-advice

The ANMF encourage all members to contact the ANMF if you have concerns with regard to PPE or infection control procedures.

The ANMF have written to your employer to seek commitments to support all members with paid isolation leave including those members who work casually and are affected. Once a response is received, we will advise members via a follow-up email, however if there are urgent concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

The ANMF website www.anmftas.org.au also has a range of COVID-19 specific resources as well as e-learning modules which can also be accessed via the website and are free for ANMF members.

The ANMF acknowledge the difficult and challenging time that you are currently working in and will continue to advocate on your behalf. We thank you for your service to the community and encourage you to stay safe and take care of each other. If you are experiencing any difficulties coping at work or home, given the stress and emotional impact of COVID-19, we encourage you to contact the free Nurse and Midwives Support Line on 1800 667 877.

If you have queries or concerns regarding the availability of PPE or your leave entitlements, please contact the ANMF Member Support Team via email, membersupport@anmftas.org.au or on 1800 001 241. Due to COVID-19 the Team are now working from home, bearing this in mind, email is the preferred and fastest way of contacting them.

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