

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation Tasmania

COVID-19

ANMF Newsflash: Dual Employment During Covid-19

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) have received feedback from members, who have employment with more than one employer, that some employers have indicated that there may be a need to relinquish one position and work only at one worksite.

The ANMF advise members of the following:

The Department of Health and the State Service Management Office have confirmed that Tasmanian Health Service (THS) employees who work across worksites e.g. The Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) and Wilfred Lopes, Community and ward at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) etc., will be allowed to continue working across multiple sites.

- The Department of Health and the State Service Management Office have confirmed that THS employees who work across both a THS worksite and a private health provider will not be prevented by THS to do so.
- Any member who is asked by a private sector employer to limit their work to one worksite should be aware that this is not supported by ANMF; there is no industrial provision for an employer to direct this and it is not currently a direction given by Public Health.

ANMF encourage all members with multiple employment to ensure that they are well briefed on the relevant infection control guidelines applicable to each worksite and to observe good hygiene practices at any workplace. In addition, remember, if you are unwell, do not go to work. Testing criteria for COVID-19 has expanded and health (including Aged Care) workers are eligible to be tested, contact public health if you believe you have symptoms which may be COVID-19. Public Health can be contacted on the hotline 1800 671 738.

If you require further support or have any questions, please contact the ANMF Member Support Team. The team is working remotely to ensure service continuity for members during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is therefore recommended that you email: <u>membersupport@anmftas.org.au</u> to contact them. If you do not have access to email you can ring the office on (03) 6223 6777 or 1800 001 241 (outside the Hobart area).

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