



KEEPING COVID-SAFE AT WORK

What to do if you are concerned about a infection control risk at work:

- Calmly express your concerns to the site manager or nurse in charge.
- If you feel your concerns have not been adequately addressed please contact the NNA roster team on (02) 9966 5514 and ask to speak with a manager.
- The NNA manager will seek to address your concerns directly with the site.
- If the site is unwilling or unable to meet the relevant safety requirements your NNA manager will direct you to return home and you will be paid for the remainder of your shift. You will not be asked to return to the site until the concerns have been fully addressed.
- If the safety concerns are able to be addressed whilst you are still on site you will return to work in a safe and professional manner.





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Many healthcare sites will have varying policies on the management of infection control and workplace safety.

Our preference is always to work with sites to make sure all staff and patients are cared for and safe. In order to achieve this we know that you will do your best to communicate your concerns in a professional and polite manner.

Lets work together to keep each other safe.

- Never agree to share or reuse PPE.
- Never go to work if you suspect you might have come into contact with COVID-19 and or are suffering from any symptoms.
- Always follow relevant state government Covid Safe directives.
- Always speak up if you have any concerns about inadequate infection control measures.
- If in doubt do contact your NNA roster manager on (02) 9966 5514 and ask for advice.

PPE should be used according to the Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare (2019)2.

More information can be found here -

<http://cec.health.nsw.gov.au/keep-patients-safe/COVID-19/personal-protective-equipment>





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If you have respiratory symptoms or unexplained fever

As per NSW Health recommendations if you have respiratory symptoms, unexplained fever, loss of taste or smell you should be tested for COVID-19.

For information about COVID-19 testing laboratories and dedicated collection centres across NSW follow the links below:

- COVID-19 clinics or drive through clinics - <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/clinics.aspx>
- Private testing collection centres - https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/testing_locations.aspx
- NSW Health Pathology public testing laboratories <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/pathology.aspx>
- Self-collection via Histopath - <https://www.histopath.com.au/>

Guidance for people suspected to have COVID-19 is available - <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/advice-for-suspected.aspx>

For training and resources:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>

