

Keeping safe in the workplace during COVID-19

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The Health Care Worker Expert Panel reviews COVID-19 exposures and has identified key lessons on COVID-19 risk and workplace exposures. Multi-location health workers are staff who work across wards, teams or services in the hospital or healthcare facility. This may increase the risk of exposure and potential for spreading COVID-19.

Examples of workers who may work across multiple locations include:

Junior Medical Officers	Security personnel	Pathology (blood) collectors
Allied Health staff	Rapid Response team	Code Black team
Wardsmen/Orderlies/PSAs	Medical imaging team	Mental Health outreach workers

The top 5 things you can do to keep you and your colleagues safe

- **Comply with Infection Prevention and Control guidelines** including hand hygiene and don't become complacent in the tearoom, a mask must be worn except for eating and drinking.
- **Managers - consider your workflows.** Roster the same people together where practical, allocating to specific departments/areas and allocating breaks with staff from the same ward/unit.
- **Get tested - timing is critical.** Ensure staff get tested as soon as they display even the mildest of symptoms or after any unprotected close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- **The correct PPE** including mask and eye protection reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19. PPE is required at all times, even when you are asymptomatic.
- **Maintain physical distancing.** Make sure there is 1.5m between health workers and patients/carers/visitors and colleagues where practical. Stand to the side where possible during procedures such as during clinical examination or when assisting in patient care.

Speak up for safety: support your team to do the right thing

