

#COVID11

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NSW Health Escalation of Alert Status

Infection control

See:

- the Clinical Excellence Commission website for current COVID-19 [infection prevention and control](#) and [PPE](#) guidance.
- NSW Health – [Amber Alert: Moderate Transmission](#) (mask guidance for NSW Health workers and patients, 24 July 2020) and [corresponding RACGP advice](#).

Corresponding RACGP advice for general practices

- NSW Health has introduced a "traffic light" system to help people understand the current level of community transmission and the appropriate response regarding infection-control strategies.
- Given the current level of local transmission, NSW Health has advised its local health districts to escalate to a moderate risk level (amber). This means that:
 - all NSW Health workers must wear a surgical mask if they are within 1.5 m of patients.
 - patients are also required to wear a mask, when possible.
- The RACGP:
 - supports the new directive from NSW Health for all healthcare workers to wear a face mask when physical distancing of 1.5 m is not possible. This realistically applies to all face-to-face consultations, regardless of symptoms.
 - advises that wearing a mask supplements, but is not a substitute for, other precautions such as hand hygiene and physical distancing.

PHN Overview

PPE requirements

Masks – deliveries underway to orders. Adequate supply

Alternate suppliers list for other items – gloves, gowns, faceshields etc

Purchased equipment to enhance supplies in stock – gowns, faceshields

RACF preparation

Direct contact by PHN, or LHD teams to reinforce preparedness, plans, supplies, training

Outbreaks – one off grants to enhance access to local GPs to support increased testing

Refining our emergency response and support

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Capacity Tracker

Capacity Tracker is an online tool where a Residential Aged Care Facility, General Practice or Aboriginal Medical Service can provide real-time data to help the PHN to identify issues early and help them better manage workforce and service capacity issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It enables providers to share their current status and issues easily and quickly. It is fast, secure and completely free, as it is funded by HNECC PHN, and it all works online.

To register, go to <https://au.capacitytracker.com/> and select Register.



Why use Capacity Tracker?

51% of all General Practices

68% of all RACFs registered and providing updates

15 Alerts related to workforce impact or PPE requirements
In last week. All addressed on same working day.

Improved coordination of impact during any localised outbreaks

Business Continuity
Provider details | Business continuity

Current Status

Practice Status	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Green	<input type="radio"/> Amber	<input type="radio"/> Red	
Active COVID-19 Patient Count	<input type="text" value="0"/>			
COVID-19 Staff Count	<input type="text" value="0"/>			
Are you COVID-19 Screening?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Any Patient	<input type="radio"/> Practice Patients	<input type="radio"/> No Screening	
Appointment Status	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Available	<input type="radio"/> Telehealth	<input type="radio"/> Urgent	<input type="radio"/> None

Workforce

	Employed	Absent
GP Workers	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Nurse Workers	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Practice Manager Workers	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Admin Workers	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Staffing Status	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Green <input type="radio"/> Amber <input type="radio"/> Red	

Availability of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

Masks	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Green <input type="radio"/> Amber <input type="radio"/> Red
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Related Residential Aged Care Facilities

Name	Overall Status	Admission Status	Infection Status
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