

**IMPORTANT STAFF, VISITOR AND PATIENT INFORMATION
Novel Coronavirus2019 (COVID-19) AMBER ALERT NSW 24/07/2020**

NSW Health has issued an AMBER ALERT COVID-19 – Moderate Transmission of Infection

Health Care has implemented the following additional actions:

If you have attended the following locations as at 24 July 2020:

Location	Dates
Batemans Bay: Soldiers Club	Monday 13 July, Wednesday 15 July to Friday 17 July
Campbelltown: Plus Fitness	9am to 10am, Saturday 11 July
Casula: Crossroads Hotel	Friday 3 July to Friday 10 July
Casula: Planet Fitness	Saturday 4 July to Friday 10 July
Harris Park: Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral	Wednesday 15 July-5:30pm Mass; Thursday 16 July-6pm Mass; Friday 17 July-1:30pm Funeral and 6pm Mass
Merrylands: Anytime Fitness Gym	Tuesday 14 July 8:30pm to 10:30pm
Picton: Picton Hotel	Saturday 4 July, Sunday 5 July, Thursday 9 July, Friday 10 July
Wetherill Park: Thai Rock Restaurant	Thursday 9 July, Friday 10 July, Saturday 11 July, Sunday 12 July, Tuesday 14 July

Staff, Visitors and Patients* are to:

- immediately [self-isolate](#) until 14 days after they were at the location on the dates and times listed above
- [get tested](#) even if have no symptoms
- watch for [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and get retested should any symptoms recur
- **even if the test is negative, must [stay in isolation for 14 days](#) (this is because it can take 14 days before symptoms may show or test positive).**

***Patients should have their admission deferred wherever possible. If their admission cannot be deferred, they should be placed in a single room, tested for COVID-19, and managed under standard plus contact and droplet precautions until the test result is received.**

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Physical (Social) Distancing

- Health workers are required to wear a surgical mask if caring/working within 1.5 metres of any patient
- Standard plus Contact and droplet precautions for **suspected, probable or confirmed COVID-19** (if within 1.5 metres of patients)
- Physical distancing to apply at all staff breaks

Physical (Social) Distancing is to also be maintained in areas where groups of staff or patients need to congregate e.g. group therapy rooms, in-patient gymnasiums, case conferences, meeting rooms or staff rooms. Where physical (social) distancing cannot be maintained considerations to:

- Staggering group / rehabilitation therapy session times

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- Placing marker on floor in in-pt. gym with patient's name and ensuring 1.5 metres can be maintained
- Wearing a level 1 surgical mask for group therapy sessions / case conferences / meetings (**mandatory where 1.5 metres cannot be maintained**).

Ensure cleaning of chairs, equipment occurs after use, ongoing practice frequent hand hygiene

Patients:

Patients who reside or work in Liverpool City or Campbelltown City (as per attached guides) or visited a location as noted on the NSW Health website latest COVID-19 hotspots

- provide negative COVID-19 status prior to admission
- be carefully screened for any risk factors
- managed in a single room
- provided with a level 1 surgical mask for wear whenever they are outside of their room – including from the time of admission
- tested for COVID-19 if they develop any symptoms of COVID-19

NOTE: These patients do not need to be managed as a suspect case, unless they display symptoms of COVID, including unexplained fever of ≥ 37.5

Staff (Includes Students, Contractors, and VMO's):

Staff members who reside in Liverpool City or Campbelltown City (as per the attached guides) or visited a location as noted on the NSW Health website latest COVID-19 hotspots should:

- be screened for risk factors and temperature checked at the commencement of every shift
- be asked to wear a level 2 surgical mask wherever social distancing cannot be maintained (attached is a guide to wearing a mask for non-clinical staff) Masks can be worn up to four hours
- watch for [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- [self-isolate](#) and [get tested](#) immediately if symptoms occur.
- **NB: if their test is negative and they continue to exhibit symptoms for any illness they are required to provide a medical certificate clearing them to work before they can return to work.**

NOTE: This does not replace the requirement for clinical staff to wear appropriate PPE in line with standard, contact, droplet or airborne precautions

Visitors

- Visitors who reside in Liverpool City or Campbelltown City, (as per the attached guides) or visited a location as noted on the NSW Health website latest COVID-19 hotspots should be excluded from the facility. Exceptions on a case by case basis can be made by the facility Chief Executive Officer.
- If they are approved to visit, they must wear a level 1 surgical mask at all times whilst in the facility. They can wear their own masks if they arrive with one.
- Ensure the attached poster is readily available.

SYDNEY METROPOLITAN SITES:

VISITORS:

Visitors are further restricted to **one visitor** per patient per day or may elect to implement a NO visitor protocol. Exceptions as per the visitor screening tool and Non-Essential Visitor Policy e.g. end of life determined by the facility CEO.

All non-essential individuals should be restricted, including contractors, third party providers etc.