



Clinician alert #68 – all clinicians

Effective from 11 October 2021

New information

- New advice has been released providing a framework to inform decision making for work permissions and restrictions for health care workers after a COVID-19 exposure in a health care setting in the context of an outbreak and community transmission of COVID-19.

Work permissions and restrictions framework for workers in health care settings

The framework is outlined in the [COVID-19 CDNA National Guidelines for Public Health Units v5.1](#), dated 8 October 2021, (Appendix C) and provides a process and tools to support exposure assessment, work restriction and return to work decision making for workers in health care settings. The framework is designed for workers in health care settings who have had an individual risk assessment completed after exposure to a suspect or known COVID-19 case within a health care setting.

In WA, all COVID-19 cases are notified to the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) who provide guidance on isolation, quarantine and testing requirements, including for workers exposed to COVID-19 in a health care setting.

To assist with health care facility planning and preparedness for future outbreaks:

- Health care managers are encouraged to be familiar with the framework and additional jurisdictional requirements.
- Managers should, where possible, identify appropriate staff to be involved in assessment teams in advance and consider training in relation to the framework.
- Consideration should be given to apply a process of monitoring and evaluation.

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