

Single site funding support for COVID-19 all of Victoria

The Australian Government is closely monitoring the situation across the country.

Single site workforce arrangements and funding support has been activated in all Local Government Areas in Victoria.

Following the [hotspot declaration](#) in Victoria by the Australian Government Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Michael Kidd, workers at residential aged care facilities in all of Victoria are asked to limit their work to a single facility to reduce the risk of transmission and protect workers and residents.

Australian Government grant funding is now available to support implementation of these arrangements in the above area for an initial two-week period from **21 August to 4 September 2021**. This replaces all other hotspot periods in Victoria.

Providers in these areas in Victoria are asked to adjust their rosters and ensure staff are only working at one residential aged care facility within this region during this time. Workers are encouraged to speak with their primary employer and look to work all shifts during this period with the residential aged care provider where they were working the most hours prior to the outbreak.

To the greatest extent possible, the employer should seek to match any hours no longer being worked with a secondary employer to ensure the worker is not financially disadvantaged. It is important workers also retain the security of any secondary employment.

Facilities should also be prepared a line listing of all staff and residents, including date of birth and vaccination status in the event this is required in an outbreak scenario. Ensuring adequate staff members are suitably trained in administrative processes, including rostering and cohorting staff, is also essential.

Where this results in additional workforce expenses, providers are able to seek reimbursement from the Australian Government through the [Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19](#) (SACWIC) Grant. The SACWIC grant opportunity remains open until 31 December 2021.

In addition to funding support, a reminder that providers can also access guidance on practical implementation of single site arrangements, including employee relations expertise, through the [Guiding Principles Support Hub website](#) or hotline on **1800 491 793**.