

COVID-19 Emergency Accommodation Program

This fact sheet provides information for Epworth staff about eligibility for the COVID-19 Emergency Accommodation (CEA) Program and details on how to access emergency accommodation.

About the Program

The Victorian Government's COVID-19 Emergency Accommodation (CEA) program supports frontline workers required to self-quarantine or self-isolate who are not able to do so in their current accommodation.

Who can access it?

Frontline workers including (but not limited to): private hospital clinical or non-clinical healthcare workers, patient transport officers and hospital laboratory staff.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the accommodation program you must meet **ONE** of the criteria listed below:

- 1** Frontline workers with unprotected exposure to confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 **AND** who can't safely self-quarantine at home.
- 2** Frontline workers who have a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 **AND** who can't safely self-isolate at home.
- 3** Frontline workers who live with people in an at-risk population or live with other healthcare workers **AND** can't safely self-quarantine at home **AND** regularly work in an environment with consistent exposure to COVID-19 positive patients (e.g. a COVID-19 ward)

The box on the right provides further detail about the criteria.



Defining terms in the eligibility criteria

Requirement to **self-quarantine** or **self-isolate**



You are required to self-quarantine if:

- > You have come into close contact of a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, without recommended infection control precautions (including PPE).



You are required to self-isolate if:

- > You have a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.

Unsuitable home environments for **self-quarantine** or **self-isolation**



Your home environment may be considered unsuitable if you reside with one or more members of an at-risk population group, such as:

- > people over 65 years of age.
- > people who are immunosuppressed or have an underlying chronic condition.
- > Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- > Pregnant women, particularly from 28 weeks gestation.



Your home environment may be considered unsuitable if you:

- > live in a share house.
- > live with other healthcare workers.

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How do I access emergency accommodation?



Step 1: Determine eligibility

- > Do you meet one of the three criteria listed on page 1 of this document?
- > If you are not sure, please contact the program coordinator.



Step 2: Contact the program coordinator

- > If eligible, send an email with your contact information and eligibility details to the program coordinator COVID-19.Accommodation@epworth.org.au



Step 3: Review your request

- > You will be contacted by the program coordinator to discuss your eligibility and personal requirements



Step 4: DHHS finalise request

- > Your request will be sent to DHHS, who will arrange accommodation booking and other logistics in consultation with the program coordinator.



Step 5: Receive confirmation call

- > The program coordinator will contact you directly regarding your accommodation arrangements and other logistics.

Program Info



Location

Accommodation will be provided in a location close to the employee's primary workplace or home where possible. Employees can not choose the location or star rating of their accommodation.



Meals

Three meals per day will be provided for the duration of your stay and all dietary requirements will be met. Self-catering options may be considered in some circumstances.



Transport

Transport support will also be made available to assist you in getting to your accommodation when required.

Key Contact Information

8am - 5pm Monday to Friday

Contact the program coordinator by:

Phone: **0427 563 770**

Email: COVID-19.Accommodation@epworth.org.au

5pm - 8am Monday to Friday and Weekends

Contact your nominated Hospital Coordinator via the details below:

Epworth Eastern

Hospital Coordinator: P. **0428 256 173** or **8807 7132**

Epworth Freemasons (Albert St, Vic Pde and Cliveden)

Hospital Coordinator: P. **0437 039 225** or **9483 3447**

Epworth Geelong

Hospital Coordinator: P. **5271 7701**

Epworth Rehabilitation and Mental Health

Hospital Coordinator at ERC: P. **9805 4172**

Epworth Richmond

Hospital Coordinator: P. **9426 6143**