



# NVS + NEVS COVID-19 Escalation Plan

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## OVERVIEW

**The safety of NVS and NEVS employees is an absolute priority at all times and especially during the current COVID-19 situation**

In light of the escalating COVID-19 situation in Victoria and parts of New South Wales, the management of NVS and NEVS feel it is prudent to have a plan in place for how we operate if / when increased restrictions are re-introduced.

Decisions will be made using the data for the Northern Sydney LGH from this source:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/recent-case-updates.aspx>

Case numbers will be monitored daily, and the plan will be rolled out accordingly, as follows.

## PLAN

### **Stage 1.**

**Criteria:** 5+ active cases in the Northern Sydney LGH

**Actions:**

Move to contactless consultations for all patients. No clients to be permitted in the hospital. Necessary external contractors may enter, but must wear a mask and perform hand hygiene prior to entry. Employees may still work across NVS and NEVS.

## **Stage 2.**

**Criteria:** 2+ unknown source or community transmission cases in the Northern Sydney LGH

**Actions:**

Split into day and night teams, without crossover. Employees of both businesses will need to decide which to work for at this time. All consultations and client interactions to be conducted whilst wearing a face mask. Necessary external contractors may enter, but must wear a mask and perform hand hygiene prior to entry.

## **Stage 3.**

**Criteria:** 20+ unknown source cases in the Northern Sydney LGH.

**Actions:**

This represents significant community transmission, and NVS and NEVS will consider at this stage whether splitting into teams within each business is feasible and/or warranted.

## **Notes**

This plan will be reviewed as further information is released by NSW Health. Certain restrictions or practices may be dictated by government direction. Significant fines and even closure apply to businesses who do not follow the government mandates around COVID-19 and social distancing. To protect our staff and our livelihoods, it is imperative that we ensure compliance.