



Western Health

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Memorandum

To: WH – All Staff
From: Suellen Bruce - Executive Director People, Culture & Communication
Date: 5 August 2020
Subject: **Worker Permits for Western Health Employees**

The Victorian Government has announced that with effect from 11.59pm tonight, 5 August 2020, employers whom are part of a permitted activity are required to provide a worker permit to their employees.

This announcement has caused some confusion and uncertainty for our employees, however, we have sought clarification that health workers are exempt from this directive.

As health workers you must carry employer issued photographic identification which clearly identifies Western Health as your employer.

Therefore, please ensure that you have your Western Health identification card with you at all times when travelling to and from the workplace. This applies to travel both within and outside the current government curfew restrictions. If the photograph or the information on your card is fading or unclear, it is strongly suggested that you have your photograph updated.

Whilst it is not anticipated to be the case, if in the unlikely event that you are issued with an infringement whilst travelling to or from a Western Health workplace for the purpose of attending to your role, we will support you through the issuing of a letter identifying your role, your roster and any other information necessary to evidence and support that you were appropriately required to be at the workplace.

Separately, we also understand that many employees may require evidence to present to schools and/or childcare centres on the requirement to attend the workplace. If this applies to you, please send an email request to westernhealthhr@wh.org.au, from your **Western Health email address** and include your employee number and identify in the subject line '**Letter request for childcare/school purposes**' and our team will endeavour to provide this as soon as possible.

Thank you for your commitment and care of our patients and our community, your support is very much appreciated.

Regards,

Suellen Bruce

Executive Director - People, Culture & Communication