

COVID-19 Update: 18 August 2021

## **Additional Emergency Locum Cover for COVID-19 Isolation**

Emergency locum cover is available for all community midwives who are required to self-isolate due to COVID-19. This includes where midwives have been advised to self-isolate due to contact tracing, being symptomatic and awaiting a swab result at any Alert Level. Cover is also available for community midwives who come under the 'vulnerable' worker category and are advised to not provide in-person care at Alert Levels 3 & 4.

Emergency cover for COVID-19 isolation is additional to midwives' standard leave and emergency cover allocations through the Urban or Rural Locum services. Locum cover continues to be available for up to 5 days for the usual emergency reasons, e.g. sickness, bereavement, unexpected outcomes and family emergencies.

With the potential increased capacity and use of the locum service, we would like to hear from any midwives who may be available to provide locum cover. Please contact MMPO Locum Support on 0800 MIDWIFE.

### **If you need a locum for COVID-19 self-isolation cover**

1. If you have a locum who can cover you, go directly to the relevant Rural or Urban tab in the College Portal to Sign Up for Locum Cover and Request Locum Cover.
2. If you cannot find a locum or are unsure if you fit within the self-isolation criteria but think you might need to self-isolate, contact the MMPO Locum Support Team 0800 MIDWIFE to discuss your situation.