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Dear Gerard

This letter is to advise you that NSW Health Pathology East and South are continuing to undertake contingency planning in relation to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases across Greater Sydney.

Across these sites, to reduce the possibility of staff bringing COVID-19 into the laboratory and exposing all of their colleagues, we are actively moving towards temporarily splitting our rosters to keep staff separated.

We are also rostering access to tearooms and putting other initiatives in place to ensure the safety of our staff and also ensure continuity of service to our patients.

The planning will potentially also include the following:

- Extension of hours across numerous laboratories to reduce crossover.
- Separation in laboratories with staff working in different locations within the laboratory
- Moving of staff from other locations to work in Randwick or Camperdown (from Sutherland, Kogarah, Canterbury and Concord).
- Moving of staff to any location to support laboratories with high numbers of staff not at work due to COVID-19 infection, self-isolation or needing to care for family members.

The Operations Managers, Laboratory Managers and Clinical Directors at these sites are providing regular communication to our employees on any changes as they are occurring.

I will endeavour to provide updated information in relation to any changes that could occur.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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