

## Protecting **local jobs**

The ACT Jobs and Economic Recovery Plan aims to rebuild our local economy and protect local jobs.

The Plan outlines the priorities for Canberra's Recovery and how businesses, households and the community will be supported through the immediate, medium and long-term impacts of COVID-19.

The Plan includes the Government's goal of growing the ACT's employment base to more than 250,000 local jobs by 2025.



### Message from the Chief Minister

Canberra has responded well to the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, but there is a long way to go for our community.

The ACT Government has released a Jobs and Economic Recovery Plan that outlines priorities for employment growth in the ACT. The Government has set a new goal to grow the ACT's employment base to more than 250,000 local jobs by 2025.

The Plan includes continued investment in healthcare to respond to COVID-19, measures to protect and create local jobs, more support for those that need it most and ensuring that Canberra continues to be a great place to live.

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# Getting tested

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, sore throat and shortness of breath. Most commonly, symptoms develop five or six days after exposure.

If you have symptoms, you can call your GP. You should not visit your GP without calling ahead. Testing will be arranged by your GP if they decide it is necessary. You can also visit a COVID-19 Testing Clinic.

The COVID-19 test can be a little uncomfortable, but it shouldn't hurt. It's very quick and over in just a few seconds.

For Gungahlin residents, the closest testing centres are:

- > COVID-19 Drive Through located at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)
- > YourGP@Crace located at 1/5 Baratta Street, Crace. An appointment must be made first.

If you have serious symptoms such as difficulty breathing, chest pain or a severe fever, call triple zero (000).

→ More at [covid19.act.gov.au](https://covid19.act.gov.au)



## It's safe to keep your usual health appointments

**Don't put your health at risk by delaying the health care you need during COVID-19.**

It's important to attend your routine appointments - like check-ups, immunisations, and health screening - with your GP or community health provider.

# Supporting workers through COVID-19

Casual and part-time workers have been among the hardest hit through the pandemic, with widespread unemployment across a range of sectors.

A Hardship Fund has been created for workers experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic.

This will include payments for people in insecure work who need to take time to quarantine.

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# Extended support for businesses

A range of economic survival measures have been extended to help local businesses continue to trade and protect jobs during the pandemic.

Measures being extended for eligible businesses include:

- > Payroll tax deferrals and some waivers
- > Targeted fee waivers
- > Commercial rates relief and deferrals.

→ Find out more at [covid19.act.gov.au/local-businesses-and-the-economy](https://covid19.act.gov.au/local-businesses-and-the-economy)



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