

The Victorian journey of the pandemic - The surge response

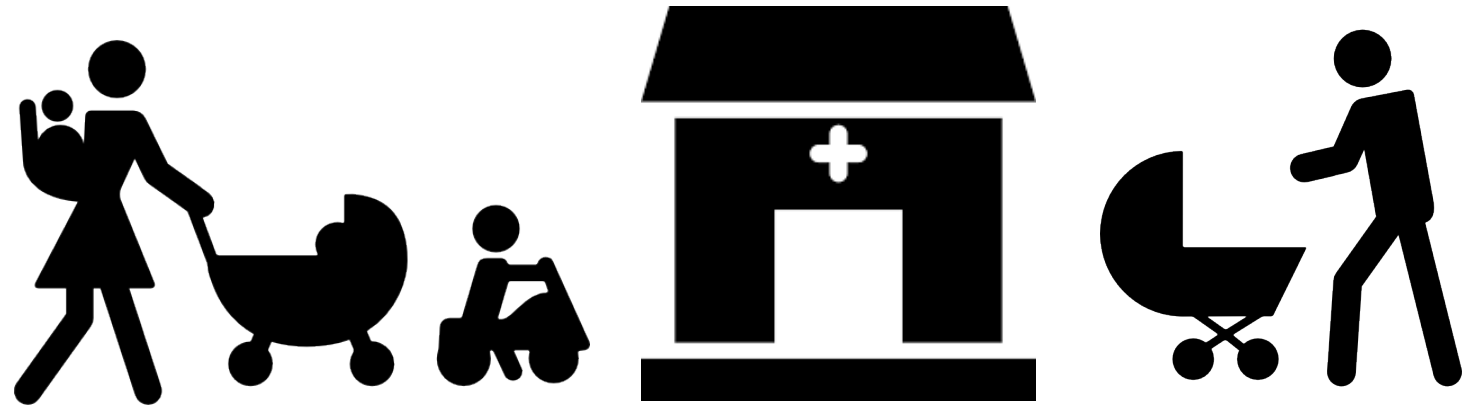
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'Reflections from the Field'

MCH Service in Victoria



- Partnership approach to service provision
- MAV / Department of Health / Safer Care Victoria
- MCH Policy Adviser – MAV / Principal MCH Nurse Adviser - SCV
- 79 Local Government Councils (48 Regional/Rural & 31 Metro)
- Place based service
- Aboriginal MCH



TIMELINE MCH SERVICE DELIVERY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC 2020-2022

KEY EVENTS

Lockdown 1
Mar 30 – May 12 2020

Lockdown 2
July 8 – Oct 27 2020

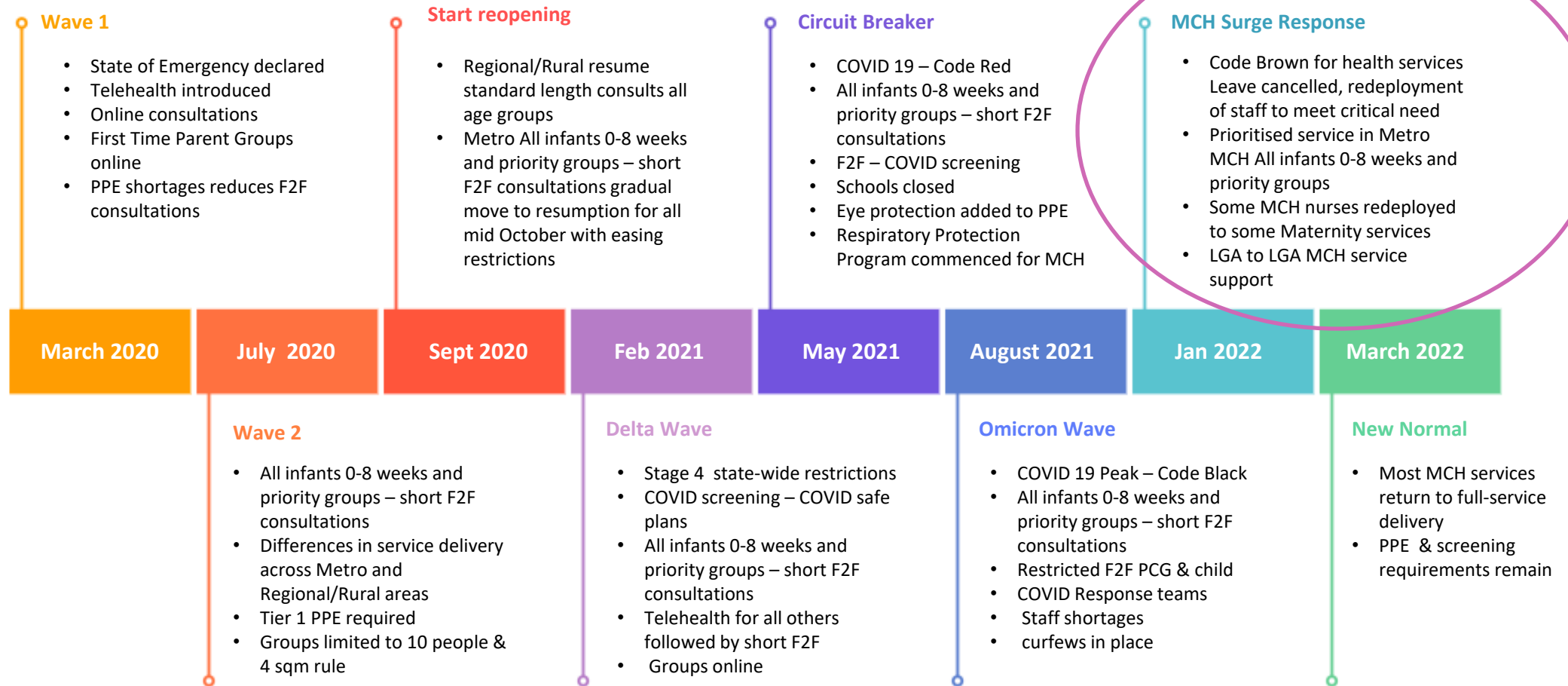
Lockdown 3
12 Feb – 17 Feb 2021

Lockdown 4
27 May – 10 June 2021

Lockdown 5
15 July – 27 July 2021

Lockdown 6
5 Aug – 21 Oct 2021

MCH COVID 19 Surge Response
28 Jan – 11 Mar 2022



Partnership Approach

Joint Discussions by MAV/DH/SCV with:

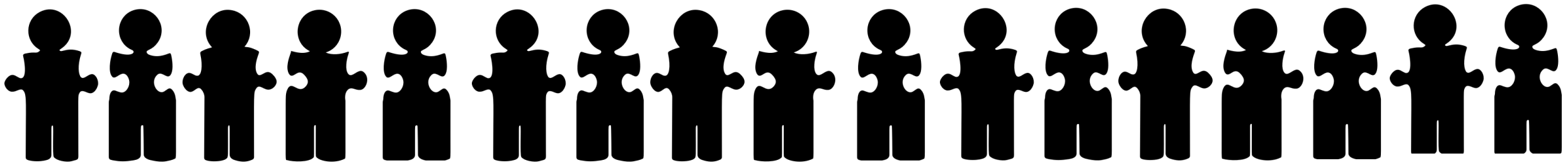
Midwifery Hospitals

MCH Coordinators/Managers/Directors across the State

ANMF

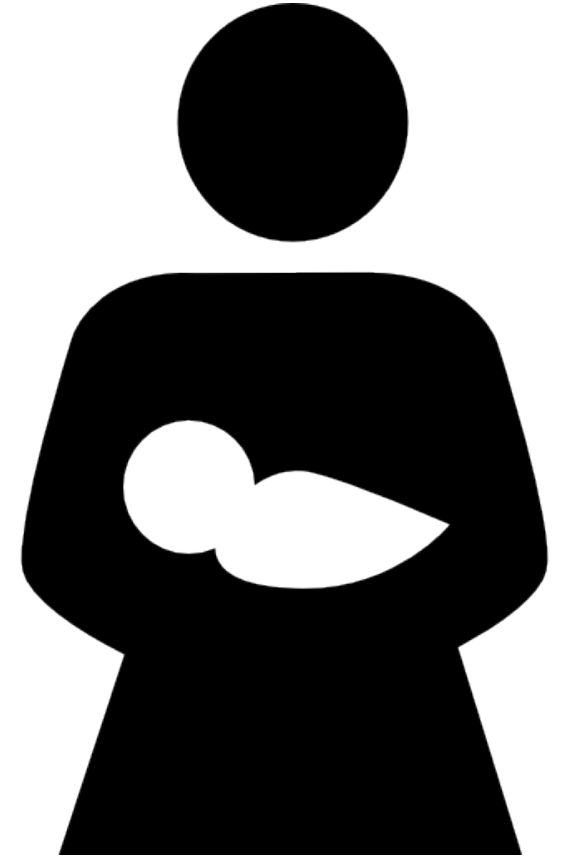
Industrial Relations Department of Health

Insurance - MAV



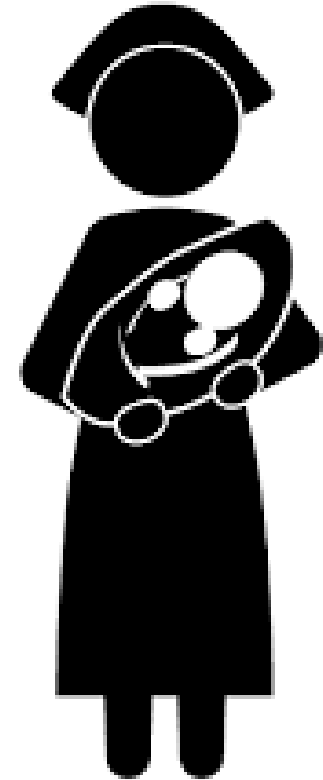
Temporary prioritisation of metropolitan Local Government MCH services for:

- All infants aged 0-8 weeks and their mother/primary caregiver
- All Aboriginal infants, children and families (0-5 years)
- All infants and children over 8 weeks of age with additional needs or concerns, including families on the Enhanced MCH program and those with COVID-19.



Midwifery Support

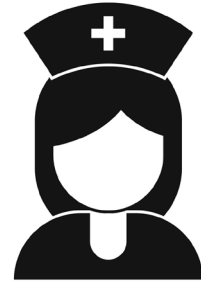
- **37 MCH Nurses** representing **18.1 FTE** from **across 11 Local Government MCH services** volunteered to support Health Services
- **8 MCH nurses** from **4 Local Government MCH services** representing **3 FTE** were rostered to deliver **30 shifts** for two Health Services.



Cross municipal support for MCH services:



71%
Offered & made
available support



708
Total visits



620
telehealth



88
F2F visits



Admin support



Joined-up group support

What an amazing workforce!



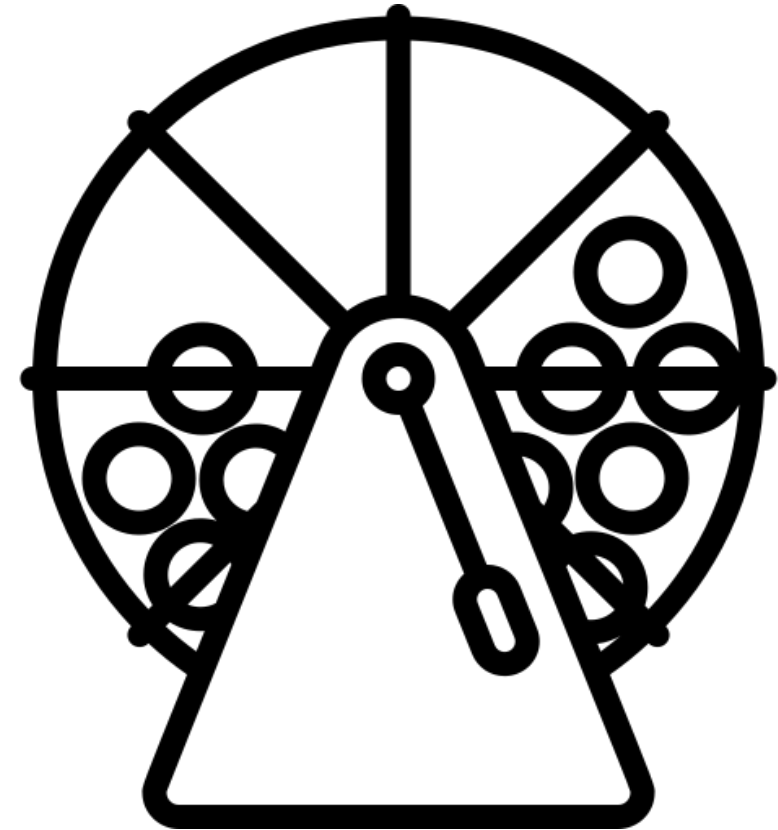
On Reflection what have we learnt?

Contract template to 'buy in' services – LGA to LGA

Strengthened Maternity Service connections – Improving continuity of care

Continued support for MCH services under workforce pressure

Exploration of solutions for workforce shortage eg MCH student model



What about now?

We no longer have Pandemic Orders and need to follow Local Government Policies and workplace COVID Safe Plans

- We are a highly vaccinated workforce and have a role to play in promoting vaccination.
- We are still using Telehealth
- We still require PPE
- We are still screening clients
- We are still receiving lists of COVID positive infants < 12month
- We still have staff and clients affected by COVID – impacting workplaces



Thank You