



Message from the Executive Director

MEDICAL SERVICES

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COVID-19 (coronavirus) update – 11 March 2020

Dear colleagues,

The latest COVID-19 developments across the past 24 hours include:

- Registered nurse screening update
- Fever Clinic expansion
- Confirmed cases in our care

Registered nurses to now undertake COVID-19 screening tests

Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young has today announced COVID-19 screening tests at our Fever Clinics can be independently ordered and undertaken by registered nursing staff. This approval enables us to expand our model of care and deliver a greater volume of assessment and screening services.

This applies across all Hospital and Health Services in Queensland and is a key component in ensuring we are able to meet the expected demand across all our Fever Clinics.

The Prince Charles Hospital opens second Fever Clinic

To further assist with demand for COVID-19 assessment and testing, The Prince Charles Hospital has today opened a second Fever Clinic. This clinic allows TPCH to expand and streamline its operating model and patient flows providing an exponential increase in capacity.

Additional community-based Fever Clinics are being prepared for roll out with from mid next week with more information on their locations to be provided when available.

A reminder to all staff to be vigilant with hand hygiene and cough etiquette. It is the most important way you can remain well. Please also seek prompt advice if you are unwell so that we can attend to your health and wellbeing.

Confirmed cases in our care

We have assumed care of two additional confirmed cases across Metro North, one at TPCH and one at RBWH. I am extremely proud of the prompt, professional and thorough care that our teams are providing.

We continue to demonstrate calm and prudent agility in relation to the evolving nature of COVID-19 – thank you to you all.

Kind regards,

Dr Liz Rushbrook

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