COVID-19 Stream Response Plan Paediatric Services

Sustain Tier 0

Sustain Tier 1

Sustain Tier 2

Sustain Tier 3

Emergency Department (ED) – 12 beds

- Children >8 years old assessed in Fever clinic with paediatric staff from Children's ED
- Children <8 years old assessed in Childrens ED

Short Stay Unit -4 beds

Use flexibly with the inpatient ward as required

Inpatient - Bed capacity - 12 beds

- 12 single rooms, isolate suspected/confirmed COVID-19 and respiratory illness
- 2 negative pressure rooms for aerosolisation procedures
- Maintain activity and transfer critical patients to QCH
- COVID-19 positive children who are well will be admitted to the virtual ward and managed under the auspice of QCH

Surgery

 Maintain all categories of elective surgery and emergency surgery

Children's Outpatient Department (OPD)

- Relocate to medi-hotel site and review clinic capacity
- See new Category 1 and 2 patients
- Deliver virtual outpatient reviews Category 1 and 2, and some Category 3
- Monitor new Category 3 referrals

Emergency Department – 12 beds

As per Sustain Tier 0

Short Stay Unit - 4 beds

As per Sustain Tier 0

Inpatient - Bed capacity - 16 beds

- 4 x SSU and 12 x inpatients
- As per Sustain Tier 0

Surgery

- Maintain
- Prepare processes to enable suspension of category 3 surgical activity.

Children's OPD

 Prepare processes to enable suspension of accepting category 3 OPD referrals when directed by CE

Emergency Department – 12 beds

As per Sustain Tier 1

Short Stay Unit - 4 beds

TPCH

As per Sustain Tier 1

Inpatient - Bed capacity - 20 beds

4 x SSU and 16 x inpatients

Surgery

 Category 1 and urgent category 2 surgery only when directed by CE

Children's OPD

- Category 1 and urgent category 2 only when directed by CE
- Deliver virtual outpatient reviews for Category

Emergency Department – 12 beds

As per Sustain Tier 2

Short Stay Unit - 4 beds

As per Sustain Tier 2

Inpatient - Bed capacity - 20 beds

- As per Sustain Tier 2
- If capacity reached, then Transfers to QCH or other Metro North HHS Hospitals

Surgery

As per Tier 2

Children's OPD

As per Tier 2





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Emergency Department – 4 beds	Emergency Department – 4 beds	Emergency Department – 4 beds	Emergency Department – 4 beds
 Children seen using current ED processes if presenting and unwell. 	As per Sustain Tier 0	As per Sustain Tier 1	As per Sustain Tier 2
 Well children presenting for testing sent to closest Fever Clinic 			
Inpatient – 10 beds ■ Transit well patients to Virtual ward if available	Inpatient – 10 beds • As per Sustain Tier 0	Inpatient - 16 Beds Expediate Paediatric patients from ED to assessment on the ward Adapt bed placement to meet clinical need Ward has ability to cohort Utilise 7-12 bay for mini ED Designated 'Green/Yellow/Red' bed / zones	Inpatient – 16 beds Tier 2 + Consideration of inpatient referrals to QCH facilities if >16 Beds Direct admission from ED
 Maintain elective surgery and emergency surgery 	 Surgery Maintain Category 1 and emergency surgery as directed by CE Prepare for suspension of Category 2 and 3 elective surgery 	Surgery Suspend non urgent Category 2 and 3 elective surgery when directed by CE	Surgery As per Tier 2
 Special Care Nursery – 10 cots One isolation room that can house two suspected/actual COVID babies if admission to nursery necessary Continue low risk 'well' babies to room with mothers Continue to treat patients on the maternity ward with mothers Vigilant assessment of admissions to Neonatal Unit 	Special Care Nursery – 10 cots • As per Sustain Tier 0	Special Care Nursery – 12 cots Daily review of patient cohorts by NNP/Consultant Adapt Neonatal bed placement to meet clinical need Incubator droplet precautions considerations Utilise bay area to increase capacity Separate suspected versus positive COVID-19 mothers' babies in separate bay areas housed in incubators	Special care nursery – 14 cots Tier 2 + 2 areas Discussion with retrieval services re capacity NNU 'Red' zone for COVID positive/suspected babies Designated Nursery 'Green' in Maternity for non COVID neonates
 Children's OPD See new Category 1 and 2 patients Transition to virtual clinics where possible (Category 1,2 and 3) 	Prepare processes to enable suspension of accepting category 3 OPD referrals when	Children's OPD Consider suspension of Category 2 and 3 assessments / reviews when directed by CE Maintain virtual clinics	Children's OPD ■ As per Tier 2
 Monitor new Category 3 referrals accepted Neonatal OPD Maintain 	directed by CE. Neonatal OPD Maintain, Business as usual OPD reduced to ward Readmissions to Neonatal unit stopped preterm Phone consults where appropriate	 Maintain virtual clinics Neonatal OPD Introduce screening of parents prior to arrival at Neonatal unit utilising the COVID Midwife Adapt bed placement to meet clinical need Continue interhospital transfers 	Neonatal OPD Designated 'Green/ Red' nursery zones Consider reduction in interhospital transfer where appropriate
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 Emergency Department – 4 beds Children seen using current ED processes – if suspected COVID positive they go into a "hot" area. 	Emergency Department – 4 beds As per Sustain Tier 0	Emergency Department – 4 beds ■ As per Sustain Tier 1.	Emergency Department – 4 beds ■ As per Sustain Tier 2
Paediatric Ward ■ 21 beds. 3 areas. 4 Isolation beds with Ensuite	Paediatric Ward ■ As per Sustain Tier 0	Paediatric Ward ■ Designated "Cold" area (5 beds, including one single rooms) and designated "Hot/COVID-19"	Paediatric Ward ■ As per Sustain Tier 2 +

- Isolate suspected/positive patients in single rooms. 4 bed Bays can still be used as per normal
- Transfer children requiring admission to the Paediatric ward as soon as possible unless they require any resuscitation. ED can still commence treatment if timely appropriate.
- Neonates to be admitted as soon as possible unless requiring resuscitation in ED
- Children with respiratory symptoms who may need High Flow will be transferred to the ward if at all possible before commencing it.
- Non-infective patients to go to cold area.

Special Care Nursery (SCN)

- 12 Special Care Nursery, 1 Isolation bed
- Maintain service as per Service Capability Framework
- Restricted entry into SCN; main entry only
- Staff member access restricted to essential clinical and essential non-clinical staff members only
- Visitor access to SCN restricted to parents only and only one parent to visit at a time per baby
- For babies born to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 mothers, both parents will not be allowed in the SCN unless they have tested negative for COVID-19.
- Adapt and use lighter isolette to transport babies of suspected mothers to SCN directly into isolation room. Limit use of CPAP and suctioning
- Safe Handling of Containers of Expressed Human Milk in all settings.

Paediatric OPD

- Continue to see Category 1, 2 and long wait category 3
- Convert as many physical reviews to phone reviews as possible
- Explore virtual clinics

- area 16 beds (4 Isolation, including 1 negative pressure room).
- Consider Virtual Ward for non-COVID patients.
- Hospital intubation team to attend paediatric intubations
- Consider home phototherapy for low risk babies.

Special Care Nursery

- As per Sustain Tier 1 +
- Consider cohorting up to four "cold" babies, who do not require respiratory support or close observation in an isolette, with a nursery nurse in a four-bed bay in the maternity ward.

24 hours.

Special Care Nursery

As per Sustain Tier 2 +

 Split Special Care Nursery into two areas. It would require a dividing wall with a door. Area closer to feeding room will be considered "hot/COVID-19". Closer area to medication room will be "cold".

Consider daily transfer of children needing to

 Daily morning discussion with paediatric team at TPCH to consider transfer of children

needing extended hospital admission.

Consider early transfer to TPCH of children

expected to remain in hospital for longer than

remain in hospital to other facilities.

- Category 1 and urgent category 2 only when directed by CE
- Consider cancelling other clinics to allow for extra staff to be available

Paediatric OPD

- As per Tier 2
- Cancel other clinics to allow for extra staff to be available

Special Care Nursery

Paediatric OPD

As per Sustain Tier 0

directed by CE.

Prepare processes to enable suspension of

accepting category 3 OPD referrals when

As per Sustain Tier 0

Paediatric OPD