



21 January 2021

Dear colleagues,

This morning the Premier and Chief Health Officer announced that the current restrictions for the Greater Brisbane region will be eased at 1am tomorrow. At that point, we will go back to the same level as the rest of Queensland on the [roadmap for easing restrictions](#). This will see changes to a range of Directions overnight.

This means from 1am Friday 22 January:

- visitors are allowed at our hospitals and residential care facilities except if they are subject to an isolation or quarantine direction at a place other than the hospital/facility; have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been tested for COVID-19 and have not yet received the result of that test;
- masks are only mandated when clinically required, and in airports and on planes;
- masks are strongly encouraged for anyone taking public transport or visiting shopping centres and crowded places;
- carrying a mask is encouraged in case you find yourself somewhere you can't reliably physically distance.

Thank you everyone for adjusting to life and complying with the restrictions over the past weeks. I applaud your work and commitment to keeping our community safe. This is even in the face of a busy week in our hospitals – your daily demonstration of the Metro North values has seen us through.

Given the easing of restrictions, Metro North will move to Tier 0 of our COVID-19 response plan from 1am Friday and the Chief Health Officer has determined our healthcare facilities can move from 'Moderate' to 'Low' risk for PPE usage.

Regards,

Dr Liz Rushbrook
Metro North Incident Commander

Metro North HHS – overview of cases*

HHS	Patients being managed by HHS					FEVER Clinics				
	Total In-patients			Virtual Ward / HITH / or similar	Deaths **	Total cases managed by HHS (including recovered) ***	# of clinics	Presentations		
	ICU Pts		ICU-NOT Ventilated					ICU-Ventilated	Last 24 hrs	TOTAL^
MN	11	1	0	0	3	425	5	265	134,136	
TOTAL										

*With effect 21 January 2021, 1000

**Metro North has three recorded deaths (one person a return traveller into NSW, who passed away in NSW)

*** These numbers reflect the cases being managed by Metro North.