



ED Clinical Governance, Safety, Quality and Risk  
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## **Message from the Metro North Health Incident Controller - COVID-19 update 281**

**2/10/2021**

Dear colleagues

I hope you have had a great start to your long weekend – we've had beautiful weather! I'd like to provide you a few updates from today as Metro North's incident controller for the weekend.

### **Queensland cases**

Today Queensland has recorded two new COVID-19 cases, both linked to current cases and detected in hotel quarantine – this is great news for Queenslanders. I'd like to give a shoutout to the team at public health who are working incredibly hard to contact trace the cases from recent clusters. Your work is helping to keep us all safe.

### **Updates to the Queensland border**

From 1am AEST Saturday 2 October 2021 the Kyogle local government area is part of the [restricted border zone](#) and the Walgett local government area is part of the [non-restricted border zone](#).

### **New pop-up clinic at North Lakes**

We've established a new pop-up clinic at North Lakes Health Precinct to run over the weekend and late on Friday nights. Thank you so much to all the amazing staff, especially those at Community and Oral Health, who have made this possible in such a short time! The clinic administered 222 vaccines today, the first busy day of many to come.

9 Endeavour Blvd, North Lakes QLD 4509

Friday – 5pm to 8.30pm

Saturday and Sunday – 8.30am to 3.50pm

Today the North Lakes clinic was the site for the daily COVID-19 press conference. The Health Minister Yvette D'Ath, Chief Health Officer Jeanette Young and Chris Whiting MP attended to tell the community about the new pop up clinic.



If you have any friends or family who haven't received the jab, be sure to let them know!

### **Fit testing on P2/N95 masks**

Over the last few weeks, we have had a good uptake of fit testing sessions and we continue to provide more mask options for staff in these times of demand.

Please encourage staff who have been only fit tested to one mask to come back for another mask fitting. This will give at least two masks options for each staff member. The fit testing sessions are advertised on the extranet fit testing [schedule](#) and will be increased over the next few weeks.

Please contact [MNHHSFitTestingProgram@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MNHHSFitTestingProgram@health.qld.gov.au) for any questions.

As always, continue to practice social distancing, keep up good hand hygiene and if you are experiencing any symptoms at all please get tested.

Kind regards  
Michele Gardener

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### **Metro North remains on Tier 1**

Despite this ease of restrictions, Metro North will continue to remain on [Tier 1](#) in our COVID response plan and [moderate risk PPE](#).

PPE guidelines are online for [healthcare delivery](#) and for [residential aged care and disability accommodation](#).

### Helpful links

- [Upload evidence of your vaccine](#)
- [Qld Health contact tracing list](#)
- [Register for your vaccine](#)
- [Qld Health general COVID-19 page](#)
- [Metro North COVID-19 extranet](#)
- [COVID vidcast recordings on QHEPS](#)

### Metro North Health – overview of cases\*

HHS	Patients managed by HHS					Fever clinics		
	Total in-patients		Virtual ward/ HITH/ similar	Deaths**	Total cases (inc. recovered) ***	No. of clinics	Presentations	
	ICU patients						Yesterday	Total^
11	ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated						
MN total	0	0	2	4	796	4	476	244,946

\*As at 02/10/2021 at 0930

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

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