



8 October 2021

Dear colleagues,

Eased restrictions in south east Queensland

The Premier has announced that restrictions will ease at 4pm today, 8 October 2021, with the entire state moving to [stage three restrictions](#). This means that:

- up to 100 people can gather in homes, with no limits on people gathering outdoors
- weddings and funerals can have 200 people and all guests can dance
- indoor premises (such as restaurants and cafes) can have one person per two square metres or 100% of allocated seated and ticketed capacity.

Visitor restrictions will also lift across our facilities at 4pm today.

With this news, Metro North Health will move to [low risk PPE](#), except for our fever clinics and COVID wards.

Masks

[Some mask requirements will remain across south east Queensland](#). People in the 11 South East Queensland LGAs will still be required to wear masks:

- on public transport or ride shares
- outdoors if you are unable to stay 1.5m apart from people who are not part of your household.

You don't need to wear a mask indoors when you are seated or when you can socially distance. For clinical care please refer to the [low risk PPE matrix](#).

Staff who are unvaccinated and have applied for an exemption are required to be on medium risk PPE (one level higher than the community risk), which means they are required to wear a flat surgical mask in non-clinical spaces.

While our community case numbers have declined for now, please continue to monitor the [contact tracing website](#) and get tested if you have any symptoms.

Regards,

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Metro North COVID-19 Health Incident Controller

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 [low 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	
	19	ICU patients						Yesterday	Total^
MN total		ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated	6	4	804	4	301	247087

*As at 08/10/2021 at 1000

**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.