



UPDATE FROM THE COVID-19 HEALTH INCIDENT CONTROLLER

Metro North Health

19 December 2021

Dear colleagues,

Today there are 34 new locally acquired COVID-19 cases, 7 interstate acquired cases and 1 overseas acquired case. With this steady increase in cases comes a significant increase in exposure venues. **It is incredibly important that we all get into the habit of regularly checking the [contact tracing website](#).** Due to the significant number of exposure venues, you may only be contacted if you are a close contact. Please ensure you regularly check the list of venues to see if you are a casual or low risk contact and follow the necessary testing requirements.

Move to Tier 2 (minus)

Metro North Health is now operating under [Tier 2](#) (minus) of our [COVID-19 response plan](#). At this time, we are not cancelling any planned care delivery, but we are delivering services virtually where sensible and safe to do so. **Fully vaccinated students, volunteers and consumers can also remain on site when attending to essential/important activities.**

It's important everyone is familiar with the Tier 2 requirements, which are being implemented across the health service, noting that the current documentation is currently being updated to reflect the broader high-level/overarching protections and restrictions now in place.

Keep calm

We will see lots of change over the next week or two particularly with increasing numbers of patients and staff being managed as close contacts. Remember to look after yourself, wear your mask, and check the contact tracing website regularly. We will continue to work together through all of these challenges and changes as they come about.

Thank you all for being flexible and patient centric.

Regards,

Dr Liz Rushbrook
Metro North Chief Medical Officer

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		ICU not ventilated					ICU ventilated	Yesterday	Total^
	26									
MN total	0	0	0	4	865	3	912	263180		

*As at 19/12/21

**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.