



Message from the Metro North Health Incident Controller | COVID-19 update 310 - Mon 3/01/2022 5:43 PM

Dear colleagues

As cases increase across Queensland again today, I'd like to remind you of being vigilant of COVID-19 symptoms and ensuring you stay home and get tested immediately if you feel unwell.

For our staff who are off work due to having tested positive for COVID-19 or as a close contact, the current direction states you must [isolate for seven days](#) as per the general public directive. More information specific to healthcare workers will be available soon and we will share that as soon as we can.

All staff who are well and able to perform their role from home should have a chat to their line manager about the need to be physically in attendance at our facilities or whether remote work is an option. At present, we are looking to limit movement in the workplace to keep everyone safe. You may have noticed that some areas are closed to patients, such as Block 7 at Herston, and you must use the staff entry points and swipe in each time when you are attending our facilities for work.

Our fever clinics are continuing to experience peak demand and we are aware some areas of our service may feel the strain of COVID-19 cases and staff away in isolation. Thank you for continuing to support our patients and each other at this time when many people outside health have been enjoying a holiday. We know your loved ones have also made similar sacrifices during this time and we thank them for their ongoing support, we couldn't do it without them.

Additionally, I'd like to mention that there is currently a weather warning in place for strong and damaging winds. Please take care and ensure that any temporary structures or signage are secured for everyone's safety.

Kind regards,
 Michele Gardner
 Metro North Health Incident Controller

Current Metro North Health tier activated – Tier 3
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/	Deaths**	No. of clinics	Presentations
	48	ICU patients				Total^

		ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated	HITH/ similar	Total cases including recovered			
MN total		1	1	249	1207	4	4	1550
Norfolk Island total ****	Total in-patients			HITH /Home monitored	Total cases including recovered	Deaths		190 Close Contacts in quarantine
	20	Not ventilated	ventilated					
		0	0	20	20	0		

*As at 02/01/2022

**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.

**** As part of an Intergovernmental Agreement, from 1 January 2022 Metro North Health is providing a number of health support services to Norfolk Island. This includes advice and support to staff on island in terms of managing COVID patients. The numbers in this section of the table refer to COVID patients who remain on Norfolk Island and are receiving direct care by staff on Norfolk Island.