

## UPDATE FROM THE COVID-19 HEALTH INCIDENT CONTROLLER

Metro North Health

**23 January 2022**

Dear colleagues,

- **Fit testing activity**
- **Upcoming vidcasts**

Today there are 11,947 reported new cases of COVID-19 in Queensland. A quick update on fit testing today as we head into a new week at Metro North.

### **Fit testing activity**

Our fit testing program is now even more available across our facilities. We are focusing on ensuring staff identified in the priority high risk group are fit tested as soon as possible. For a list of fit testing programs available at [Metro North visit the extranet](#).

A reminder that fit testing sites that aren't listed as 'walk-ins' require a booking. Please get in touch with your facility EOC to arrange a time.

### **Upcoming vidcasts**

#### **COVID-19**

- Tuesday, 25 January with Acting Chief Executive Jackie Hanson and Incident Controller Louise O'Riordan.
- Tune in at 12.00pm [here](#).

#### **COVID-19 and wellbeing**

- Thursday, 27 January with Chief Allied Health Practitioner and Staff Psychologist Drew Craker.
- Tune in at 10.00am [here](#).

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and made the most of today's beautiful weather. For staff who worked, I hope you enjoy a good rest soon – thank you for your work!

Kind regards,

Liz Rushbrook  
Metro North Health Incident Controller

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**Current Metro North Health tier activated – [Tier 4](#)**

#### **Helpful links**

- [Register your positive RAT result](#)
- [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**	No. of clinics	Presentations
	166	ICU patients					Yesterday
		ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated				
MN total	10	2	1188	0	8	1099	
Norfolk Island total ****	Total in-patients			HITH /Home monitored	Total cases including recovered	Deaths	Close Contacts in quarantine
	0	ICU Not ventilated	ICU ventilated				
		0	0	5	77	0	19

As at 23/01/2022

\*\*Metro North Health has eight 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.