



**31 January 2022**

Dear colleagues,

- **Pandemic precautions**
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Today there are 7462 reported new cases of COVID-19 in Queensland.

**Pandemic precautions**

While the daily numbers indicate the current surge is slowing down, we are still in the pandemic and we have seen in the past few weeks how quickly the situation can change. Vaccination, hand hygiene and social distancing are still very important in protecting you, your loved ones, and your colleagues from COVID-19.

**School vaccination clinics**

We had good numbers presenting at our pop up vaccination clinics at North Lakes and Narangba over the weekend. This week will have more locations, so please bring the family along for vaccination and boosters.

Burpengary State School  
35 Station Road, Burpengary  
Dates: Mon 31 Jan and Tues 1 Feb  
Time: 0900-1430

Tullawong State School  
60-90 Smiths Rd, Caboolture  
Date: Mon 31 Jan  
Time: 0900-1500

Eatons Hill State School  
Marilyn Terrace, Eatons Hill  
Clinic access from carpark on Apex Grove  
Date: Tues 1 Feb  
Time: 0900-1430

Albany Creek State School  
696 Albany Creek, Albany Creek  
Date: Wed 2 Feb  
Time: 0900-1430

Norris Road State School  
28 Greenore Street, Bracken Ridge  
Date: Wed 2 Feb  
Time: 0900-1430

Strathpine State School  
Don Court, Strathpine  
Date: Thurs 3rd Feb  
Time: 0900-1430

Ferny Grove State School  
Finvoy Street, Ferny Grove  
Date: Thurs 3 Feb  
Time: 0900-1430

Taigum State School  
266 Handford Road, Taigum  
Date: Fri 4 Feb  
Time: 0900-1430

Undurba State School  
49 -57 Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs  
Date: Sat 5 Feb and Sun 6 Feb  
Time: 0900-1430

Moreton Downs State School  
101 Lipscombe Road, Deception Bay  
Date: Sat 5 Feb and Sun 6 Feb  
Time: 0900-1430

### **Fit testing and fit checking**

Metro North Health is committed to prioritising fit testing for all our frontline staff. Please check the [fit testing schedule on the extranet](#) for local information.

The [National Guideline](#) recommends that you do a fit check every time you don an N95 mask to ensure you have a good seal.

Some staff who are new to Metro North may have been tested in another HHS. You might not need to be fit tested again, if:

- you have your fit testing report
- you were fit tested in the past 12 months
- your facial features have not changed significantly
- you were fit tested to a mask available in your current HHS.

You can show your line manager a copy of your fit test report and have this information recorded in the system. You don't need to have another fit test.

If you have any concerns about fit testing, you can submit them via the [fit testing feedback portal](#). Urgent issues should be escalated to your supervisor and local EOC for resolution.

### **Upcoming vidcasts**

We are continuing to hold two vidcasts per week while we are in Tier 4.

This week's vidcasts are:

- [Tuesday 1 February 10am](#) – Board Chair Jim McGowan AM and Acting Chief Executive Jackie Hanson
- [Thursday 3 February 10am](#) – Metro North Incident Controller Louise O'Riordan and Chief Medical Officer Dr Liz Rushbrook

Regards,

Louise O'Riordan  
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
	148	ICU patients					Yesterday
			ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated			
MN total		5	5	1233	17	7	1005
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	1	86	0

Virtual ward data as at 31/01/2022

\*\*Metro North Health has 17 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.