



16 February 2022

Dear colleagues,

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Today there were 6596 reported new COVID cases in Queensland.

You may have seen a news story today about a potential change in COVID restrictions later this month. Please remember that even when public restrictions change, we need to go by the PPE matrix requirements and other directions relevant to our workplaces.

Vaccination pop ups

Our primary school vaccination pop up clinics are vaccinating more than 100 people per day. Our upcoming school and community pop ups are:

Kurwongbah State School
Eacham St, Petrie
Date: Wed 16 Feb and Thu 17 Feb
Time: 1430-1800

Narangba State School
School St, Narangba
Date: Wed 16 Feb and Thu 17 Feb
Time: 1430-1800

Morayfield State School
196-230 Morayfield Rd Morayfield
Date: Sat 19 Feb
Time: 9:00-1500

Caboolture Show Grounds
140 Beerburrum Rd, Caboolture
Date: Sun 20 Feb
Time: 0900-1500

Tangalooma Island Resort
Tangalooma, Moreton Island QLD
Date: Mon 21 Feb, 15:00-20:00
Date: Tue 22 Feb, 7:00-11:00

Woodford State School
171 Archer St, Woodford
Date: Sat 26 Feb and Sun 27 Feb
Time: 9:00-1500

You can find your nearest vaccination clinic via the [Queensland Health vaccination locations page](#).

Vaccination boosters

If you received your second vaccination three or more months ago, you are eligible to get your booster at any of Metro North's COVID vaccine clinics, or by making an appointment with your GP or local pharmacy.

Don't forget to register booster by following the [instructions on the extranet](#).

COVID vidcasts

While we're in Tier 3 we continue to hold COVID vidcasts twice a week.

Tomorrow's vidcast will be myself and Acting Chief Digital Health Officer Dr Jason Brown at 10am. You can [watch the live stream here](#).

Recordings of previous [COVID vidcasts](#) are available on QHEPS.

Fit testing

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

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.

Record your fit test

New staff who have been fit tested in another HHS can record your fit testing results directly to TMS including the masks you that are a successful fit. Instructions on [how to add a completed course](#) are available on QHEPS. Line managers can then approve the completed course in TMS.

Line managers can also add fit testing results on behalf of their staff using the [instructions on QHEPS](#).

Your nearest staff PCR and RAT services

For the latest opening staff testing hours and locations please visit the [Metro North extranet](#). Please bring your staff ID and Medicare cards.

A full list of alternate COVID-19 testing services open to the public is updated daily and can be found on the [Queensland Health fever clinic site](#). Staff can also visit any of these sites.

Regards,

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Current Metro North Health tier activated – [Tier 3](#)

Helpful links

- [Register your positive RAT result](#)
- [Upload evidence of your vaccine or booster](#)
- [Qld Health contact tracing list](#)
- [Vaccination locations](#)
- [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
	60	ICU patients					Yesterday
ICU not ventilated		ICU ventilated					
MN total	6	3	323	35	6	298	
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	0	9	94	0	12

Data as at 16/02/2022

**Metro North Health has 35 recorded deaths (one person a return traveller into NSW, who passed away in NSW)

**** 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.