



Message from the Metro North Health Incident Controller | COVID-19 update 357 - Fri 18/02/2022 2:54 PM

Dear colleagues,

- Critically essential worker return to work process
- Tier 3

Today there were 5795 reported new COVID cases in Queensland.

Critically essential worker return to work process

Metro North has developed a process for identified critically essential workers who are asymptomatic close contacts.

The process in brief is:

- Line manager initiates the request and performs a risk assessment
- Staff member consents and provides relevant information
- Delegate makes the decision and informs line manager

Please contact your local EOC to initiate the process.

Tier 3

Metro North remains on Tier 3 of our COVID response plan and high risk PPE. We will review this in coming weeks as COVID numbers continue to fall and stabilise.

Currently we are very pleased to have a declining number of staff who are in isolation as close contacts (185 today down from 215 on Monday) or in quarantine with confirmed COVID (175 today down from 207 on Monday). These numbers have continued dropping since our peak in January.

Today we are caring for 51 COVID positive patients in our acute facilities and our Virtual Ward team are caring for 320 care participants.

Information about [fit testing](#) and [staff testing locations](#) is available on the COVID extranet. The locations of [vaccination](#) clinics and pop up sites is available online.

Hoping you can make it a good weekend.

Regards,

Mark Butterworth
Metro North Health Incident Controller

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 |
| | 50 | ICU patients | | | | | Yesterday |
| | | | ICU not ventilated | ICU ventilated | | | |
| MN total | | 4 | 2 | 320 | 36 | 6 | 268 |
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| 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 | 8 | 101 | 0 |

Data as at 18/02/2022

**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.

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