

UPDATE FROM THE COVID-19 HEALTH INCIDENT CONTROLLER

Metro North Health

COVID-19 update 365 | 26/02/2022

Dear colleagues,

- **Flooding update - stay safe this weekend**
- **Tier move next week**
- **How to register your booster**

Today there were 4838 reported new COVID cases in Queensland.

Flooding update

Some of our facilities and many of our staff have been substantially isolated by flood waters within the Metro North region. This is particularly affecting our colleagues who work at Caboolture Hospital and/or living in this area – but there are also lots of areas in the Redcliffe Peninsular and Greater Brisbane areas affected.

Our hospital and HHS Incident Management Teams (IMT) are active this weekend working to manage the impact of this weather event on our services.

Staff working at Caboolture are able to access the hospital via train at this time (the [Caboolture line](#) is running, with minor weather disruptions to some stations).

If you are unable to access your Metro North place of employment for your rostered shift please notify your supervisor as soon as practical. We will make arrangements for you to work at another facility if appropriate.

Call out to staff: For any Metro North staff that may be currently in the Caboolture area and are willing to work rostered or additional shifts, I encourage you to contact your Hospital Co-ordinator to let them know of your interest. We will work with you to determine if there is an appropriate opportunity to work at Caboolture Hospital.

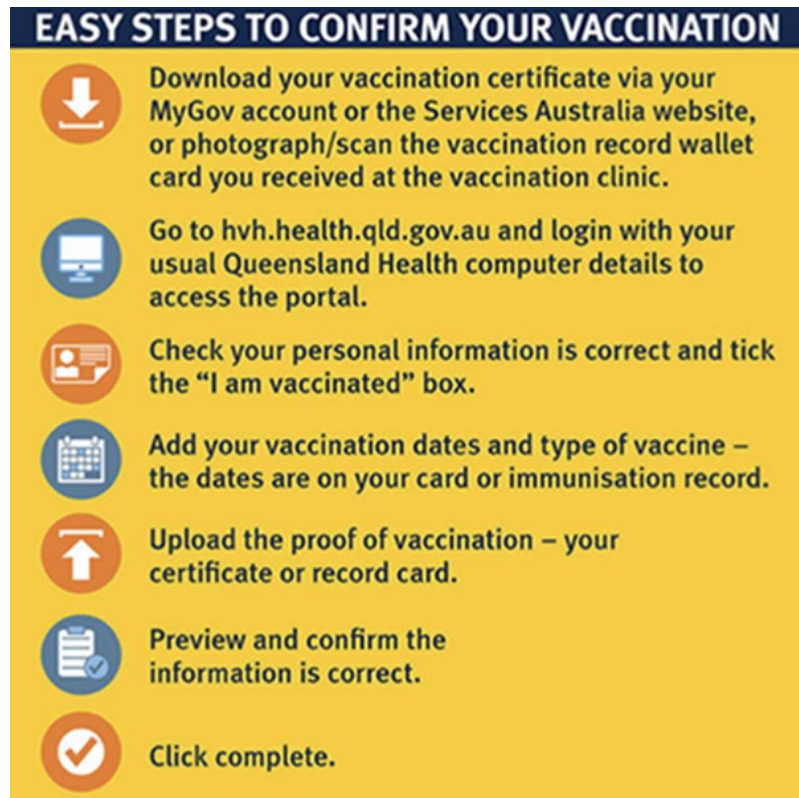
Authorities have warned the downpour is set to continue and have asked Queenslanders to limit unnecessary travel. Please stay home where possible and if you are working this weekend, please ensure you have a safe route to and from work. **If it's flooded, forget it.**

Tier move next week

As mentioned yesterday we will be moving down to Tier 2 of our COVID response plan from 7am Monday 28 February. The Tier 2 plan will be available on Monday. You will be provided details of what this change means.

PPE requirements are no longer linked to our response tier, as this is now managed centrally in Queensland. We remain high risk category of the Queensland [PPE matrix](#). Please continue to wear the appropriate PPE for your type of work.

How to register your booster



Stay dry if you can.

Regards,
Liz Rushbrook
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
	42	ICU patients					Yesterday
ICU not ventilated		ICU ventilated					
MN total	0	2	298	42	4	182	
Norfolk Island total ****	Total in-patients			HITH /Home monitored	Total cases including recovered	Deaths	Close Contacts in quarantine
	0	ICU Not ventilated	ICU ventilated				
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As at 26/02/2022

**Metro North Health has 42 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.