



30 March 2022

Dear colleagues,

- Current Tier 3 situation
- Wet weather

Today we have 1019 staff away from Metro North, either with COVID-19 or as close contacts.

We continue to manage the situation and as such, remain on [Tier 3](#) of our COVID-19 response plan. As part of this we are only facilitating urgent planned care in our acute hospitals to assist us to manage demand and capacity.

Current Tier 3 situation

A reminder that many of our colleagues are currently impacted by COVID-19 and the pandemic is affecting resourcing here at Metro North.

You can do your bit by remaining cognisant of the pandemic and the precautions in place, ensuring you:

- Practice hand hygiene and mask-wearing, ensuring you check your mask fit before each shift.
- Remain socially distant where possible.
- Stay home if you are unwell and get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Ensure you have been fit tested if you are in a patient-facing role. You can find out more on the [COVID extranet fit testing page](#).

The [Critically Essential Worker requirements](#) are still in effect for close contacts. There is a [process](#) that needs to be followed to return to work under this arrangement, so speak to your line manager in the first instance.

Wet weather

With a lot of rain occurring this week, please remain conscious of where you park at our facilities, with localised flooding a possibility during high tides.

Regards,

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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](#)
- [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
	71	ICU patients					Yesterday
		ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated				
MN total	4	0	664	54	3	319	
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		15	142	0

Data as at 30/3/2022

**Metro North Health has 53 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.