



5 April 2022

Dear colleagues,

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There are 9946 new COVID cases reported in Queensland.

Current Tier 3 situation

Metro North has 906 staff currently out of the workplace due to COVID.

We have supported 142 staff who are close contacts to be returned to work under the Critically Essential Worker requirements.

Metro North remains on [Tier 3](#) of our COVID-19 response plan. This means a significant reduction in planned care and the suspension of face-to-face meetings. Please review the Tier 3 plan for more details.

Community restrictions easing

The Premier and Chief Health Officer today announced that community restrictions will further ease from 1am Thursday 14 April.

The restriction will be lifted for unvaccinated people at some venues including pubs, clubs, cafes and restaurants; theme parks, casinos and cinemas; weddings; showgrounds; and galleries, libraries, museums and stadiums.

Vaccination and check-in requirements will continue for anyone visiting or working in vulnerable settings (hospitals, disability accommodation services and residential aged care) as well as for workers in high risk settings including schools, childcare, prisons and airports.

Until 1am 14 April, the current [vaccination and check-in requirements](#) remain in effect.

The change in restrictions will not change Health Employment Directive 12/21 which still requires all staff who work in a healthcare facility to be vaccinated, which includes all staff and facilities across Metro North.

Record your booster

Booster vaccinations are mandatory for all staff, volunteers and contractors entering a residential aged care facility. This includes any Metro North staff who don't usually work in but may attend Cooina and Gannet House.

Evidence of your booster must be uploaded to the Queensland Health COVID-19 Vaccination Hub. This is quick and easy:

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- Download your COVID digital certificate from your myGov account
- Go to the [COVID-19 Vaccination Hub](#)
- Choose the +Booster Vaccination option
- Add your booster details
- Upload or drag and drop your certificate
- Save

Boosters are highly recommended for all staff. There will be pop up vaccination clinics throughout the school holidays, so you can take the whole family along. Find your nearest clinic on the [Queensland Health website](#).

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**	Presentations	
	68	ICU patients				No. of clinics	Yesterday
MN total		ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated	775	55		
	3	2					
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	25	160	0	20

Data as at 05/4/2022

**Metro North Health has 55 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.