

UPDATE FROM THE COVID-19 HEALTH INCIDENT CONTROLLER

Metro North Health

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Dear colleagues,

- Current Tier 3 situation
- Mask wearing
- Record your booster

There are 10,984 new COVID cases reported in Queensland.

Current Tier 3 situation

Metro North has 855 staff currently out of the workplace due to either being close contacts or COVID positive. This is in addition to other sick leave and planned school holiday leave.

We currently have 794 patients in our care, including 81 inpatients with 6 in ICU. We are working to create more inpatient capacity for COVID patients in our acute facilities.

So far we have supported 144 staff who are close contacts to return 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.

Mask wearing

There was concern raised on the vidcast that staff have not been wearing masks as diligently as they once were. Mask wearing at our facilities is still very much mandatory.

Please note that even though there are some restrictions lifting next Thursday, the following face mask wearing rules are still in place:

- Masks are required in healthcare settings, residential aged care, disability accommodation, on public transport, in prisons, detention centres, airports and on planes
- Masks are required for visitors to healthcare settings, but mask may be removed while undergoing a face-to-face service (as determined by healthcare provider)
- Masks are required on public transport or its platform/ terminal, or when in or waiting for a taxi, rideshare vehicle or commercial shuttle.

Record your booster

Evidence of your COVID vaccine booster can be uploaded to the Queensland Health COVID-19 Vaccination Hub easily:

- 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

Find your nearest clinic on the [Queensland Health website](#) including school holiday pop ups.

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
	81	ICU patients					Yesterday
			ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated			
MN total		5	1	794	55	3	247
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	17	163	0

Data as at 07/4/2022

**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