



11 April 2022

Dear colleagues,

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

There are 6667 new COVID cases reported in Queensland.

Current Tier 3 situation

The weekend was extremely busy across our hospitals with an increase of more than 30 COVID inpatients.

We currently have 772 COVID patients in our care including 120 inpatients with 5 in ICU. We are expecting numbers to increase as we head to the predicted peak at the end of the week.

Today we have opened additional COVID beds create more capacity across the system. We are looking at how we can also create additional capacity for Mental Health clients with COVID.

We are on [Tier 3](#) of our COVID-19 response plan.

Metro North currently has 840 staff out of the workplace due to either being close contacts or COVID positive, in addition to other sick leave and planned school holiday leave.

We have returned 179 close contact staff under the Critical Essential Worker requirements.

Mask and vaccination requirements

Community restrictions are changing from 1am this Thursday, however Metro North is still in the high risk category for PPE requirements.

Facemasks and relevant PPE are mandatory across all of Metro North. Vaccination and check in requirements will remain for healthcare facilities, aged and disability care accommodation, and prisons.

Record your booster

Evidence of you 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,
 Louise O’Riordan
 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
	120	ICU patients					Yesterday
MN total			ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated	652	56	3
		4	1				
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	11	175	0

Data as at 11/4/2022

**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