



19 April 2022

Dear colleagues,

- Current Tier 4 situation
- Planned care
- Staff testing clinics

There are 6467 new COVID cases reported in Queensland.

Current tier 4 situation

We currently have 505 COVID patients in our care, including 132 inpatients with 4 in ICU. This is our lowest number of COVID patients for several months and hopefully the numbers will continue to decline.

Today we still have 735 staff out of the workplace either as close contacts or COVID positive. We continue to work through the Critically Essential Worker process to bring people back when possible.

Metro North is still in [Tier 4](#) of our COVID response plan.

Planned care

From tomorrow we will resume planned care in line with Tier 4.

This includes category 1 elective surgeries and outpatient appointments and category 4 endoscopies. STARS will resume full planned care from tomorrow.

Staff testing clinics

If you have any COVID symptoms, please get tested.

Staff can access PCR tests at TPCB and Redcliffe fever clinics. Other sites have RAT kits available.

Details of where to get a COVID test are available on the [COVID extranet](#).

Regards,

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Metro North Health Incident Controller

Current Metro North Health tier activated – [Tier 4](#)

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
	133	ICU patients					Yesterday
MN total		ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated	373	58	3	201
	1	3					
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	29	224	0	14

Data as at 19/4/2022

**Metro North Health has 58 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