



**21 April 2022**

Dear colleagues,

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There are **8,995** current reported COVID cases in Queensland today, with **577** COVID-19 patients currently under Metro North care.

#### **Tier 4 status update**

A decision was made this morning that Metro North will remain at [tier four](#) of our COVID response plan throughout the long-weekend. For directorates with planned care, this may result in some complexities. We will continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis.

Across Metro North today, there are 642 furloughed staff who are unable to attend work due to COVID. We have supported 108 staff who were close contacts to return to work under the Critically Essential Worker requirements.

#### **Close contact restrictions**

Many of you will be aware of the changes to close contact restrictions in New South Wales and Victoria that are due to commence from tomorrow. Please note that these changes have not yet been passed in Queensland to ensure we are past the peak of the current COVID-19 wave. We will provide details of any changes happening in Queensland as we receive confirmation.

#### **COVID-19 staff debrief survey**

We are delighted to see that 160 staff have already filled out the [COVID-19 staff debrief survey](#). We want to hear from you about your experience of how Metro North has responded to the pandemic over the past two years – what worked well, what didn't work well and how we can improve in the future. The survey only takes four minutes and will be open for two weeks. Your feedback is vital!

## Friday's vidcast

Don't forget our next [vidcast will be this Friday at 10am](#), where you will hear from Metro North's Chief Executive Jackie Hanson and Acting Executive Director Human Resources Peter Patmore. If you can't join live, recordings of previous [COVID vidcasts](#) and [Executive vidcasts](#) are available online.

Regards,

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### 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](#)

HHS	Patients managed by HHS				Fever clinics		
	Total in-patients			Virtual ward/ HITH/ similar	Deaths**	No. of clinics	Presentations
	93	ICU patients					Yesterday
MN total		0	4	484	63	3	275
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	33	236	0	9

Data as at 21/4/2022

\*\*Metro North Health has 63 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