



UPDATE FROM THE COVID-19 HEALTH INCIDENT CONTROLLER

Metro North Health

25 April 2022

Dear colleagues,

Today on Anzac Day, we take pause to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for our country. Our hospitals and health services have a long history of involvement with defence personnel, and many of our staff actively serve in the defence force.

For the first time in three years, Anzac Day services have happened across the country without being disrupted by COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We have all been able to gather together to honour those who died while serving Australia.

Lest we forget.

Move to Tier 3

We will move to Tier 3 of our COVID-19 response plan from 7am tomorrow, Tuesday 26 April. This means an increase in planned care and some face-to-face training and meetings will resume.

We remain 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.

Tuesday vidcast

Our [next vidcast is tomorrow, Tuesday 26 April, at 11.30am](#). Chief Allied Health Practitioner and Chief Wellbeing Officer Mark Butterworth, Manager of Workforce Culture and Engagement Hazel Harden and Staff Psychologist Andrew Craker will be available to answer questions about staff wellbeing and Metro North's COVID response. If you can't join live, recordings of previous [COVID vidcasts](#) and [Executive vidcasts](#) are available online.

Regards,

Alanna Geary

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
	84	ICU patients					Yesterday
MN total		3	1	472	64	3	115
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	0	33	236	0

Data as at 25/4/2022

**Metro North Health has 64 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