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Dear colleagues,

Today we have 454 patients being cared for in Metro North with COVID-19. Of those, 55 are in hospital.

We have 377 staff away who are COVID-19 positive right now.

This is a timely reminder to continue taking precautions to keep yourself safe against both COVID-19 and the flu, with flu cases also on the rise, and to get your flu shot at one of our staff clinics if you haven't already.

Vulnerable or high-risk setting entry restrictions

There have been changes to the [Public Health Direction](#) around workers at vulnerable or high-risk settings who are arriving from overseas. This means:

An **international arrival**, who enters Queensland from a place outside of **Australia** is not permitted to enter a **vulnerable or high-risk setting** during the 7 days after arriving in Queensland, unless the person:

- a. is a **worker** in a **vulnerable or high-risk setting**; and
- b. complies with the vaccination requirements for a **worker** at the **vulnerable or high-risk setting**; and
- c. has no **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**; and
- d. undertakes a **COVID-19 test** and receives a negative test result before commencing duties and every second day thereafter until 7 days have passed from arrival into Queensland; and
- e. the **worker** uses personal protective equipment as required by the **responsible person** for the **vulnerable or high-risk setting** until 7 days have passed from arrival into Queensland; and
- f. the **responsible person** agrees to the **worker** returning to the **vulnerable or high-risk setting**, and to the extent of any inconsistency with another public health direction, this provision prevails to allow the **worker** to enter the **vulnerable or high risk setting** for the performance of their official duties.

Wet weather

Wet weather is predicted to continue across the week, and we know this can impact staff travel to work. Please keep this in mind when planning your journey and stay safe during this time.

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	
	ICU patients					Yesterday	
MN total	55	ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated	399	80	3	147
		1	1				
Norfolk Island total ****	Total in-patients		HITH /Home monitored	Total cases including recovered	Deaths	Close Contacts in quarantine	
	ICU Not ventilated	ICU ventilated					
	1	0	0	10	471	0	59

Data as at 11/05/2022

**Metro North Health has 80 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