



UPDATE FROM THE COVID-19 HEALTH INCIDENT CONTROLLER

Metro North Health

18 June 2022

Dear colleagues,

- **COVID-19 update**
- **Medical support required**

As highlighted in the Metro North Health messages last week, we are already seeing high numbers of confirmed influenza and COVID-19 cases.

This weekend, across Metro North Health, we also continue to see increasing demand through our emergency departments (ED) and this is being felt across all areas of our health service.

This is not just a Metro North Health trend, there has been a significant increase in ED demand and confirmed COVID-19 cases across Queensland.

I wanted to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of the great Metro North Health staff, our leadership teams and on-call executives who have, this weekend, during the working week and after-hours, demonstrated great compassion for our patients and each other by going above and beyond in finding innovative ways to share the load and work together as one Metro North Health team.

You have been working across the whole hospital and health service to manage capacity and demand and ensure our patients receive the best care possible.

Thank you all, for your great “can do approach” and demonstrating the Metro North Health Values – Respect, Teamwork, Compassion, High Performance and Integrity - in a very genuine and practical way.

I would like to give a big shout out to the amazingly talented and dedicated staff in all our Metro North Health emergency departments, our virtual ED and ward, and our great PACH team, which have all worked tirelessly to support us through this time of unprecedented capacity demand and for making a difference every day.

Big thanks also to our colleagues in Queensland Ambulance Service who are continually feeling the demand and working with Metro North Health 24/7 to assist in any way they can and, at the same time, continue to meet the emergency demands of our community.

Medical Support to Caboolture Hospital Emergency Department

There is a need for additional Resident Medical Officer Support to work at Caboolture Hospital Emergency Department this weekend. The following shifts are available:

Today (Saturday):

Afternoon – 2 Reg/PHO shifts; and 2 JHO/SHO shifts
 Night – 1 Reg/PHO shift; and 1 JHO/SHO shift

Sunday:

Morning – 1 Reg/PHO shift
 Afternoon – 2 Reg/PHO shifts; and 2 JHO/SHO shifts
 Night – 1 JHO/SHO shift

SMO/Reg-PHO/SHO-JHO who can fill these shifts are sought. If you can fill one or more of these shifts (or even part of one shift), please contact SMO Caboolture ED on 5433 8458.

Thank you for continuing to provide wonderful care to our patients 24/7 and improving the health of our community.

Thank you for working as a team across Metro North Health - supporting and respecting each other and the needs of our community.

Kind Regards,
 Michele Gardner
 Metro North Health Incident Controller

Current Metro North Health tier activated – [Tier 2](#)

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](#)

Overview of Metro North cases

HHS	Patients managed by HHS				Fever clinics		
	Total in-patients			Virtual ward/ HITH/ similar	Deaths**	No. of clinics	Presentations
	89	ICU patients					Yesterday
MN total			ICU not ventilated	ICU ventilated	376	98	0

Data as at **18/06/2022**

**Metro North Health has 98 recorded deaths (one person a return traveller into NSW, who passed away in NSW)