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Current situation

We currently have 536 active cases of COVID in our care, including 170 inpatients with 8 in ICU (2 ventilated). There are 366 patients in the Virtual Ward. Unfortunately, we saw 2 people pass away from COVID-19.

Today 698 staff are away from work due to either being COVID positive or requiring isolation due to being a close contact. This number does not include other types of sick leave. Additionally, 131 close contact staff have been able to return to work as Critical Essential workers.

Tier 3

Metro North remains in Tier 3 of our COVID-19 and Influenza Response Plan. Under Tier 3, we have suspended all non-urgent planned care and increased our PPE in clinical areas to a minimum of P2/N95 mask and protective eyewear.

We encourage staff to wear masks in the community when you're indoors or can't socially distance.

Useful links

- Find a PCR test provider (including drive through, bulk bill, four-plex) on the [Queensland Government website](#).
- Register your [COVID vaccination dose](#).
- People with respiratory symptoms can make an appointment (often same day) through [GP Respiratory Clinics](#).
- You can find a COVID vaccine provider using the [Department of Health COVID Vaccine Clinic Finder website](#).

Take care and look after yourselves and each other.

Regards,

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