MESSAGE FROM THE METRO NORTH COVID-19 AND INFLUENZA HEALTH INCIDENT CONTROLLER

Metro North Health

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Dear colleagues,

- Current situation
- Pop up vaccine registration kiosks
- Community RAT distribution

Current situation

We currently have 348 active cases of COVID in our care, including 134 inpatients with 6 in ICU (2 ventilated). There are 214 patients in the Virtual Ward.

Today 609 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, 99 close contact staff have been able to return to work as Critical Essential workers.

Metro North is also caring for five people in hospital with influenza.

Metro North remains in Tier 3 of our COVID-19 and Influenza Response Plan.

Pop up vaccine registration kiosks

This week we are providing pop up kiosks to help staff register their COVID vaccination third and fourth doses (vaccines are not available at these kiosks):

- Redcliffe Hospital, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, Education Centre
- Caboolture Hospital, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, Library
- Brighton Health Campus, Monday-Wednesday 10am-3pm, Dolphin House
- North Lakes Health Precinct, Thursday-Friday 10am-3pm
- TPCH, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm (location TBC)
- STARS, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, Level 3 internal corridor
- RBWH, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, Level 2 walkway

If you're coming to a kiosk, please download your vaccination evidence first and bring it along. It needs to include your full name, vaccine details and date of vaccination – you can get this by downloading your COVID-19 digital certificate showing details of each vaccination or your immunisation history from MyGov or Medicare, a vaccination certificate from a chemist or healthcare provider, or your COVID vaccination appointment card (with both sides). We can't use the green tick in the Check In app.

If you use a different name for your medical records than your work ID, please also bring evidence of name change (e.g. marriage certificate).

You can also register your additional doses yourself online. The process is the same as recording your first two doses:

- Download your COVID digital certificate from your MyGov account
- Go to the COVID-19 Vaccination Hub
- Choose the +Booster Vaccination option
- · Add your booster details
- Upload or drag and drop your certificate
- Save

If you're not sure whether you have already updated your information, you can check under the personal profile section of myHR.

Vaccinations are available from your GP or local pharmacy.

Community RAT distribution

From 1 August 2022, eligible Commonwealth Concession card holders can get free RAT kits at Queensland Health RAT distribution points. In Metro North we are doing this through community health centres. The centres are as follows:

- Caboolture Community Health Centre Caboolture Square Shopping Centre, King St Caboolture
- Redcliffe Community Health Centre 181 Anzac Ave, Kippa-Ring
- North Lakes Health Precinct 9 Endeavour Blvd, North Lakes
- Chermside Community Health Centre 490 Hamilton Rd, Chermside
- Pine Rivers Community Health Centre- 568 Gympie Rd, Strathpine
- North West Community Health Centre 49–59 Corrigan St, Keperra
- Nundah Community Health Centre 10 Nellie St, Nundah

Regards,

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