

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

Metro North Health

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Dear colleagues,

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### **Current situation**

We currently have 159 active cases of COVID in our care, including 83 inpatients with 5 in ICU (3 ventilated). It's worth noting that many of our inpatients with COVID have been admitted for other reasons and have incidental COVID. There are 76 patients in the Virtual Ward.

Today 330 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. We have returned 22 staff as critically essential workers.

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

### **Staff COVID vaccine boosters**

We are running a staff only booster blitz across Metro North from 16-19 August (Pfizer only). Please see below for facility specific details:

Facility	Location	Times	Booking
RBWH	RBWH Vaccination Clinic Level 4, James Mayne Building (co-located with the QASIS clinic)	Monday, Thursday + Friday 8am-12pm Tuesday + Wednesday 12pm-4pm	Email <a href="mailto:RBWHVaccinationService@health.qld.gov.au">RBWHVaccinationService@health.qld.gov.au</a> or phone 3646 1649 to book.
Redcliffe	MBICC (Moreton Bay Integrated Care Centre) Ground Floor	Tuesday + Friday 7.15am-4pm	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>

		Wednesday + Thursday 8am-5pm	
STARS	STARS Education and Learning Centre on Level 1	Tuesday – Thursday 8.30am-5pm Friday 8.30am-3pm	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>
Caboolture	Caboolture Library	Tuesday – Wednesday 7.30am-4pm Thursday 8am-5pm Friday 7.30am-3pm	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>
TPCH	TPCH Education Centre	Tuesday – Friday 8am-4pm	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>
COH	Brighton Education Room, Dolphin House	Tuesday 8.30am-12pm + 1pm-3.30pm	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>
	North Lakes meeting rooms 1 and 2	Wednesday 9am-12pm + 1pm – 3.30pm	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>
	Nundah Gym	Thursday 9am-11.30am	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>
	North-West (Keperra) interview rooms 22 - 24	Thursday 1pm-3.30pm	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>
	North Lakes Exec meeting room	Friday 8.30am-11.30am	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>
	Brighton Clinic rooms 1, 2 and 4	Friday 1pm-3.30pm	<a href="#">Click here to make a booking</a>

If you are unable to make one of these sessions, vaccinations are widely available in the community through pharmacies and GPs.

Please ensure you bring your Medicare card with you and are [eligible for a booster dose](#).

### Register your booster

Our registered staff booster numbers are quite low, but anecdotally the actual numbers are higher. To support staff to upload your booster information, we have continued the pop-up kiosks this week.

We are not providing vaccinations at these pop-up kiosks.

Kiosks are located at:

- Redcliffe Hospital, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, Education Centre

- Caboolture Hospital, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, Library
- North Lakes Health Precinct, Thursday-Friday 10am-3pm
- TPCB, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, EOC Office, Executive Building 12
- STARS, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, Level 3 internal corridor
- RBWH, Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, Level 2 walkway

Please bring your vaccination evidence with full name, vaccine details and date of vaccinations. You can download your full COVID-19 digital certificate (not the green tick) 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).

If you use a different name for your medical records than your work ID, please also bring evidence of name change (eg 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

You can also submit a [paper form](#) if you can't get to a kiosk or upload to the COVID vaccination hub during work hours. The form can be submitted to MN-COVID-Staff-Vaccination-Forms-only@health.qld.gov.au with a copy of your vaccination evidence.

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

### Useful links

- Find a PCR test provider (including drive through, bulk bill, four-plex) on the [Queensland Government website](#). The site also includes locations for RAT kits for eligible commonwealth concession card holders.
- 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](#).

Your GP can also provide:

- COVID-19 vaccination
- Referral for COVID-19 and other respiratory virus PCR
- Assessment and management of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses
- Prescription of COVID-19 oral antivirals for eligible COVID-19 positive patients.

Regards,

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