

Metro North Health COVID-19 and Influenza Response Plan

Tier 1

Minimal community transmission

Stay at home if you are sick ▪ Get tested ▪ Stay 1.5m apart from other people ▪ Wash your hands with soap and water ▪ Sneeze or cough into your arm or a tissue

***Note: additional measures to those below may be implemented for periods of time at the discretion of Metro North executive if deemed necessary.**

Governance	Workforce	Respiratory clinics	ICU	Service operations	Meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly IMT meetings Continue to prepare EOC for transition to BAU. Weekly MN Response Strategic Planning Group meetings – monitor State surveillance, National and overseas trends Weekly ID/Infection Control and PH meetings Daily SHECC reporting by EOC Communicate to external stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P2/N95 masks in EDs and COVID units and when caring for close contacts; flat surgical mask in other areas Eye protection in line with PPE matrix HIC comms to all staff as required Promote maintenance of up-to-date VPD & COVID vaccinations Prioritise new staff fit testing and annual reviews for existing staff Actively plan for fatigue recovery and use of high annual leave balances Monitor & report staff sickness >3% Review PPE, testing kits, antivirals & vaccine stocks weekly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote GP respiratory clinics (Caboolture ATSICHS, Morayfield, Nundah, South Bank). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and refresh ICU capacity plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide outpatient appointments across all urgency categories, prioritising long waits and Aboriginal and Torres islander peoples Provide surgery and procedures across all urgency categories, prioritising long waits and Aboriginal and Torres islander peoples Virtual outpatient care to continue to meet Metro North targets Optimise and report monthly on Surgery Connect. Transition from utilisation of private health facility funding arrangement by 30 September 2022 (last person in private hospital under PHFFA by 30 September) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resume meetings – provide a Teams link for times when staff can't attend face-to-face (staff who are COVID positive or close contacts or working from home).
		ED	Inpatient		Training
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review PCR collection services & testing criteria (Plan sect 5.3) Optimise virtual ED and rapid access clinics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine future virtual ward model Review HITH current model of care Utilise over-census bed areas as per MNH Acute Capacity Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritise expired mandatory training Optimise virtual training where possible. 	

For more information, refer to Metro North Health [COVID-19 and Influenza Response Plan](#)