



Dear colleagues

Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred has now made landfall this morning. The system has weakened with heavy rainfall likely to continue into the weekend. We know many people may be affected by power outages and flooding, and we encourage you to continue to be safe and monitor the weather alerts and road closures before travelling.

Metro North Health facilities update

Thank you to the hundreds of healthcare staff who have spent the night in our facilities in order to be ready to continue to provide services. We are incredibly grateful to our committed teams who have made attending work a priority to ensure our patients can continue to receive the care they need.

We continue to operate as normal, with minor brown outs at some facilities. Brighton Health Campus was supported by generator power for a few hours this morning. Somerset Villages and Halwyn are currently running on generator power. We are grateful for the contingencies we have in place to continue to provide essential healthcare.

Planned care on Monday

We are currently working through planned care arrangements at our facilities with potential to resume most planned care, including elective surgeries, from Monday. This may be disrupted by the rain over the weekend, this will be addressed on a case by case basis.

Facility updates

Staff who are unable to travel home to their usual place of residence are still able to stay at our facilities as needed. Please check your facility arrangements in place on our [Extranet site](#). If you have any questions about your specific situation, please chat to your line manager.

We are aware there is some disruption to onsite retail services with the weather event. Please bring your own food to work while we work through the reopening of our onsite food vendors.

We have coordinated for free parking to be made available across all our facilities until Monday to assist with attending your shift/s.

Essential health workers and work arrangements for Monday

Essential workers should attend work as rostered. If you become isolated from work, contact your supervisor to notify them of your situation. Your supervisor may make arrangements for

you to attend another facility if required.

The safety and wellbeing of staff is our primary concern during this weather event. If the weather impacts your ability to attend work, you must inform your line manager immediately to discuss options including work from home or leave. You may be eligible for [special flood, cyclone and storm leave](#), an updated factsheet on this is now available on the staff [intranet](#).

We are awaiting information on the reopening of schools.

We will make a call on work-from-home arrangements for non-frontline staff once the impact of the rain over the next 24 hours is known.

Please make every effort to get to work where it is safe to do so. Your attendance plays an important role in caring for our vulnerable patients and community.

Where can I stay up to date on information?

There are wide range of helpful resources and links on our staff Extranet page. I encourage you to visit this page regularly for updated information.

Please continue to look after yourselves and be safe across the weekend as we experience heavy rainfall.

Regards,

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