



Dear colleagues

Ex-tropical cyclone Alfred is continuing to slowly move toward the interior of South East Queensland and is currently near Kingaroy. The system is expected to continue this path before tracking into New South Wales early tomorrow.

Severe weather warnings remain in place across SEQ for heavy, locally intense rainfall and damaging winds. This rainfall may lead to dangerous and life-threatening flash flooding, across southern Queensland during today. This activity is forecast to gradually contract into New South Wales during Monday.

A Major Flood Warning is current for the Logan River, Bremer River and Warrill Creek. Several Minor to Moderate Flood Warnings have also been issued across southeast Queensland.

Full details are available on the [Bureau of Meteorology website](#).

Metro North Health facilities update

Thank you to our staff who spent the night in our facilities to ensure we could 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.

Our facilities continue to operate as normal, with some experiencing minor water ingress.

The [facility factsheets](#) have been updated today to reflect updated information at our facilities. We are grateful for the contingencies we have in place to continue to provide essential healthcare.

Planned care on Monday

Metro North will commence a return to planned care from Monday, across elective surgery, endoscopy, and outpatients. Numbers will be reduced in some areas, impacted by patients advising us that they aren't able to physically attend, or by workforce impacts. This may vary across sites and facilities. We will contact any patients whose planned care for tomorrow needs to be rescheduled.

Community services

The Premier has announced that where safe to do so schools will re-open from tomorrow.

The Department of Education website will be updated with the operating status of each school for tomorrow by 5pm today. Please click [here](#) to learn about the status of schools in your area.

Brisbane City Council bus services have been suspended for the rest of today due to the weather conditions.

Buses will resume tomorrow with limited services. Queensland Rail will resume operations tomorrow with a Sunday timetable. Visit the [Translink](#) journey planner for more information.

Community pharmacies

Community pharmacies are beginning to re-open to meet the needs of their communities and reduce pressure from our hospital pharmacies. A list of pharmacies open today has been provided to facility operations teams, with more expected to operate from tomorrow.

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 as 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](#).

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 it is safe to do so, non-frontline staff may return to work in the office from tomorrow. However, you may continue to work from home as required. Please work with your line manager on plans for your team.

Where can I stay up to date on information?

There is a 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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