

# FACT SHEET – COH SITE SPECIFIC INFO FOR STAFF

Tropical Cyclone Alfred | Monday (10/03) 3:00PM

## What is happening across Community and Oral Health?

We have been able to maintain our services through this weather event due to the admirable teamwork and commitment from our COH staff.

The Facility Services Team have continued to work with our colleagues from Building and Engineering Services to ensure that our facilities are managed during this significant weather event.

Sandbagging remains in strategic locations. Facilities are being assessed and plans underway to repair identified damage, this will continue through the event.

Please continue to report any leaks or damage as soon as this is identified so these can be addressed.

## What will happen if staff can't get home and need to stay?

Staff safety remains our key priority and we want to ensure you do not travel when it is unsafe to do so.

Accommodation will be provided to staff that are concerned that they may not be able to get home or are required to remain at a Community and Oral Health bedded facility.

Each service line will allocate an area of the ward where staff can rest and sleep.

Towels and linen can be provided however it is suggested that all staff bring an overnight bag which includes your own pillow, change of clothes, toiletry items and essential medications. If you are able to bring a towel and bedding this may be helpful if wards are experiencing linen shortages.

## What about meals for staff?

Our Food Services teams are providing extra meals for staff who have to stay overnight, who are unable to return home or have to stay onsite beyond their rostered shift times to support bedded service operations. This will be arranged by the current Nurse Unit Manager or team leader in charge of the service.

## Where can staff park?

Staff are encouraged to park in designated car parks across our Community and Oral Health facilities to avoid any chances of flood damage.

## Staff ID

All staff must carry their staff ID at all times when travelling to and from work, as in the event of road closures, you may need to present ID to get through road closure sites. You may also need this to access free car parking.

## Planned Services

Decisions on non-urgent planned care will be communicated through your stream leads.

It is not denoted as business as planned, given the uncertainty of the impact of rainfall and flooding on access for both patients and staff.

Where access is an issue, we will maintain virtual (telehealth/telephone) care where clinically appropriate to do so.

Plans will be made to address appointments that have been rescheduled from past days once impact of rainfall are understood.