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Summary:

- Staff flu vaccinations available
- Conquering the Chain Reaction Challenge
- Celebrating our nursing excellence
- Administration Services review
- New signs help with wayfinding

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read Time: 5 Minutes



For: Information

Dear Team,

Vaccination remains one of the strongest tools we have in the fight against serious illness from the flu, especially during the coming busy winter period.

Free flu vaccinations are now available for TPCH staff each weekday between 7am and 4pm at the Staff Vaccination Clinic on Level 3 of the Clinical Sciences Building. No appointment needed.



The mobile Infection Management Service Flu Trolley also started yesterday, making vaccination even easier. Find the Flu Trolley schedule on the [Metro North Staff Extranet](#).

I had my flu vaccination yesterday as part of TPCH Grand Rounds (left). The Infection Control team vaccinated about 90 staff during the session.

Free flu vaccinations are also available for all Queenslanders at local pharmacies.

We can also slow the spread of flu by following some healthy habits, such as regularly washing your hands and cleaning surfaces, always covering your cough and staying home when you're unwell.

[Dave conquers 1000km to support our Child Life Therapy Service](#)

Well done to Children's Emergency Department Clinical Director Dr Dave Wood, who rode 1000km across New Zealand's North Island for the Chain Reaction Challenge, in support of Child Life Therapy services at TPCH.

It was an inspiring ride that helped the Emergency Department and our friends at The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation to raise more than \$9000, easily surpassing the initial target by \$2000!



Every contribution that helped push Dave to the finish line has also helped strengthen our Child Life Therapy Service, which makes a profound difference during some of the most vulnerable moments in a child's life.



TPCH ieMR Project update

A reminder to tune in via Microsoft Teams for next week's TPCH ieMR Project Launch Event vidcast, happening on Thursday 16 April at 12pm.

With the [integrated electronic Medical Record \(ieMR\)](#) coming to us in 2027, the project launch event will inform us about what the ieMR is, its advantages, what the implementation timeline for TPCH is, and what support will be available as we transition to using the system.

A promotional banner for the TPCH ieMR Project Launch Event. The background is dark blue with a light blue diagonal stripe. The text 'TPCH ieMR Project Launch Event' is in large white font. Below it, the event details are listed: 'When: Thursday, 16 April 2026' and 'Time: 12.00pm - 1.00pm'. A paragraph of text reads: 'Find out what the integrated electronic Medical Record (ieMR) coming to TPCH means for you.' At the bottom, there is a green button with white text: 'Click here for your Microsoft Teams event invite'. On the right side, there is an illustration of a laptop displaying a Microsoft Teams meeting grid with several participants.

Click above to download a calendar invite to the vidcast.

Door opens new time-saving route for doctors

It's something small but already making a large difference!

TPCH Internal Medicine doctors recently requested access between the Doctors Common Room and the GEM Ward to reduce walking distance, use of multiple lifts and accessing various floors.

A great idea that was easy to implement. There is now a door with dedicated swipe access, which is making a real difference and saving time.

Got another great idea? Please [email me here](#).



Awards celebrate our nursing excellence

Do you know a nurse who has a positive impact on patient care, enhances the nursing profession through exceptional leadership or inspires those around them?

Nominate them for a TPCN Nursing Excellence award. There are five categories again this year, including the Cheryl Burns Award for Outstanding Collegial Support.



Winners will be announced as part of our International Nurses Day celebrations on Tuesday 12 May. [Submit your nominations here](#) by Monday 20 April.

Have your say on the TPCN Administration Services organisational structure review

Thank you to everyone who attended the TPCN Administration Services organisational structure review meeting earlier this week.

We're now moved in the formal consultation process, where employees and relevant unions are encouraged to provide feedback on these proposed changes.

The business case for change and the affected positions spreadsheet are on [QHEPS](#). This includes details on how to provide feedback.

If you have any questions, you can go to one of the drop-in sessions in the Education Centre during the three-week consultation period:

- Tuesday 14 April: 2pm - 3pm | Room 7
- Thursday 16 April: 10am - 11am | Room 3
- Tuesday 21 April: 10am - 11am | Room 7
- Thursday 23 April: 2pm - 3pm | Room 7
- Monday 27 April: 10am - 11am | Room 4

I appreciate that organisational change is an opportunity but can also be a challenging time for those impacted. You can reach out to employee assistance supports available through TELUS Health on 1800 604 640 or our staff psychologist on 3647 9673.

Finally,

Have you spotted the new way-finding signs that are helping patients and the community to locate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health teams?

This sign was one of several installed. It is located near the multi-storey car park and points to the Health Services in Building 33 and the Community Hub in Building 43.

Kind regards,

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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Metro North Health's vision

Creating healthier futures together—where innovation and research meets compassionate care and community voices shape our services.



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