

Caboolture, Kilcoy, Woodford Directorate staff

COVID-19 daily update for Tuesday, 18 January 2022

IMT COVID-19 UPDATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- We have moved to Tier 4
- CKW is partnering with Caboolture Private to create bed capacity - 4 patients to be transferred are planned for today
- All COVID-19 deaths must be reported via EOC regardless of if it was primary diagnosis or not.
 - email EOC-CabKilcoy@health.qld.gov.au
- Avoid shared facilities during breaks (such as tea rooms) and try to eat outdoors
- The January Public Holiday (26/01) remains unchanged. MN to advise of any changes on Friday (21/01).

FACE MASK REMINDERS

- Remove and discard facemasks only when definitely required
- Ensure to be diligent when donning and doffing PPE, including a correct fit check of facemasks every time a new mask is used.
- Patients must wear masks, unless they are unable. Visitors must wear masks at all times.

Tuesday IMT Update – new information highlighted in *italics*

Incident Controller update

- Omicron continues to be the predominant strain in our area
- MN now has 154 ward patients, 12 in ICU and a total of 1102 patients in care.
- CKW has 19 inpatients
- Escalate any roster shortfalls ASAP via line management and via EOC.
- All non-urgent planned care postponed until after Monday, 31 January 2022.
- If your activity is down, the expectation is that a similar proportion of staff are offered daily for redeployment.
- Notify EOC of all redeployable staff as early as possible
 - call 5014 or email EOC-CabKilcoy@health.qld.gov.au
- Priority areas for redeployment are testing clinic, booster clinics, Emergency Department and acute admissions, and the MN Virtual Ward.

CKW Exec Director and Director of Operations Update

- **FOCUS AREAS:**

- Private hospital transfers
- Planning for the opening of more COVID beds
- Contact RADAR if you experience any issues with admissions or return of patients to RACFs. RADAR will support the discharge process.

Facilities management

- A MN staff testing clinic is located in the Staff Carpark.
- The Chapel and adjacent outdoor gardens are dedicated areas for staff breaks.

HR Staff

- The updated COVID leave remuneration flowchart has been circulated to staff.
- Staff can work in different healthcare facilities; however, should try and limit movement between facilities if they can.
- Please be aware of the difference between special discretionary leave and pandemic leave and the delegations to approve.

PPE

- N95 masks and eyewear must be worn before entering a clinical service area.
- Gown and gloves are required if you are with a high risk patient or undertaking an aerosolising procedure.
- Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth and eyewear must be worn over eyes.

Patient testing

- The ED does not provide a COVID testing service.
- Birthing women and OT cases without symptoms + low risk ward admissions = RAT test.
- RAT tests required for all new Kilcoy ward admissions and all ED discharges to RACF/Disability homes/Prison/Private Hospitals.
- High risk admissions = Genexpert (PCR).
- Discharged patients = PCR (24hrs) only if symptoms or >4h with an active positive case.
- No symptoms or epi risk factors & discharge likely = no test
- Kilcoy Hospital testing clinic 0900-1200h.

Staff testing

- A Metro North staff COVID-19 Testing clinic is operational in the Caboolture Hospital Staff Car Park. Operational from 7:30 – 15:30 every day.
- Some home RAT kits are being distributed from the staff testing clinic, in selective situations.
- To access the staff testing service, you must be a MN staff member with a MN ID or a family member (of the same residence) accompanied by a MN staff member.
- The staff testing clinic is also available to all Emergency Services personnel (QAS, QPS, QCS, QFES)
- PCR and RAT testing is available

Testing requirements

- See attachment
- **Fit testing** call 2422 for prioritised bookings. Staff who have not been fit tested, are safe to work as long as they have fit checked the mask. Please fit check every time a mask is applied. Cannot be accessed by students or other non-MN staff, until all MN staff have been fit tested.
- **Staff test positive** Managers > see the 'CKW Outbreak Management Guide' + 'COVID Return to work' guideline.
- **Booster clinic**- The CKW Staff booster clinic in the library will operate from M-F 0800-1530h; bookings can be made via CKWVaccinations@health.qld.gov.au or simply walk-in.
- **Patients** Need to wear masks, unless really unable to. Please encourage patients to wear their masks.
- **COVID positive admissions**
 - Well = admit via Health Direct
 - Unwell but can be cared for at home = MN Virtual Ward
 - Unwell = Caboolture Hospital
 - Very unwell = discuss with ICU.
- **Concierge** Questionnaire screening form for patients only, ask questions for visitors (but no form needed), no temperature scanning, N95 mask & eyewear for all Concierge staff while in roles. ALL staff to have N95 masks on before entering & while in the Clinical Services building.
- **Visitors** Limit of 2 visitors per patient at a time; no overcrowding; visitors must wear a mask at all time.
- **Elective care** OT = Cat 1 & urgent Cat 2, Scopes = Cat 4 & urgent 5, SOPD = time urgent care only, AH-OPD = time urgent care only.
- **Community** QAS activity very high. COVID spreading in many NHs, contact RADAR for NH related clinical issues.
- **Breaks and use of tearooms** staff are encouraged to eat outdoors; if you are eating indoors, please ensure you are socially distanced, minimise mask off time and wipe down hard surfaces when you are finished.

Issues to raise, by exception, + roster holes in the next 48hrs (only those with updates included)

- **ED/Woodford/Kilcoy WP**
- **SICU** medical staffing absences but coverage planned
- **MOPS** nursing shortfalls being managed and monitored
- **WCF** SCN and maternity nursing tight
- **AH/Pharmacy** Call 8153 for AH discharge help
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health** Mob-link for A&TSI referral and access for support if diagnosed or isolated with COVID <https://www.iuih.org.au/our-services/mob-link-connecting-with-mob-during-covid/>

If you are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, get tested and immediately isolate.