

# Caboolture, Kilcoy, Woodford Directorate staff

COVID-19 daily update for Friday, 28 January 2022

## IMT COVID-19 UPDATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- We will continue to conduct donning and doffing PPE audits to assess safety and staff compliance. The audits will observe all PPE compliance, including face masks, gloves and protective eyewear.
- Please ensure key information on Metro North's COVID-19 Tier response is being shared with our new staff. Ensure they are aware of the current Tier we are operating under and any relevant changes that affect our day-to-day operations.
- All non-urgent planned care is to remain postponed until the week after Monday, 31 January 2022.
- Achieving optimal patient flow has never been more important than now. Length of hospital stay for COVID-19 patients is longer than the average patient stay. This is exacerbating our need to achieve hospital-wide patient flow. Please work proactively with your Team Leaders to undertake safe discharge planning and ensure we are delivering the right care, in the right place, at the right time.
- MN continues to prioritise fit testing. Call the CKW fit testing service on **5316 2422** to make a priority appointment if you haven't been tested and are working in a high-risk priority area.

## Wednesday IMT Update – new information highlighted in *italics*

### Incident Controller update

- *MN now has 148 ward patients, 10 in ICU (2 ventilated), 1341 in the virtual ward.*
- *CKW has 18 inpatients, including 1 patient in the Caboolture Hospital ICU (not currently ventilated).*
- *Woodford Corrections has 98 COVID positive patients.*
- *Working from home arrangements, where safe and productive, are being extended to 13/02.*
- MN hospital admissions due to COVID-19 appear to be stabilising, which may indicate that Metro Queensland has reached its peak. More certainty will be known once hospitalisations start to decrease four days running. We will continue to monitor.
- Notify EOC of all redeployable staff as early as possible - call 5014 or email [EOC-CabKilcoy@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:EOC-CabKilcoy@health.qld.gov.au)

## CKW Exec Director and Director of Operations Update

### • **FOCUS AREAS:**

- Escalation of critical staffing shortages and identifying strategies and staffing solutions for workforce shortages.
  - Fit testing staff working in priority high risk areas.
  - Supporting staff that are required to wear PPE for long periods of time and ensure they receive information on how to prevent adverse effects and reactions of PPE.
  - Supporting the Woodford Corrections Health team with the rise in the number of COVID positive prisoners.
- MN is offering COVID-19 booster vaccinations three months after people have received their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

### HR Staff

- The updated COVID leave remuneration flowchart has been circulated to staff.
- Please be aware of the difference between special discretionary leave and pandemic leave and the delegations to approve.

### PPE

- Metro North PPE stocks are good; however, some mask types are limited.
- All staff must be wearing a N95 mask and eyewear on entering the hospital or relevant areas at Kilcoy and Woodford.
- If a staff member arrives at work and is unable to access their fit tested mask immediately raise the issue with their Line Manager or Team leader, and if the issue is unable to be resolved, escalate to the service line Nursing Director and the CKW EOC.

### Patient testing

- Please be diligent when using RAT tests and ensure you know how to successfully perform a RAT test procedure and interpret the results.
- 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 and discharge likely = no test
- Kilcoy Hospital testing clinic 0900-1200h.

### Staff testing

- A staff COVID-19 Testing clinic is operational in the Caboolture Hospital Staff Car Park. Operational from 7:30 – 15:30 every day. PCR and RAT testing is available
- 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)

## Testing requirements

- Refer to the COVID-19 Testing Guide for CKW Staff (sent to CKW Staff on 18/01)
- **Fit testing** call 5316 2422 for prioritised bookings. Staff that have been fit tested for a Proshield N95 mask (small or medium) or the 1860 mask need to get fit tested for an alternative mask type. Please fit check your mask every time you put it on.
- **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 on M/W/F 0800-1530h; bookings can be made via [CKWVaccinations@health.qld.gov.au](mailto: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.
- **Concierge** N95 mask and eyewear for all Concierge staff. Concierge to complete a questionnaire screening form for patients; Visitors to be asked questions but screening form not required.
- **Visitors** As per the new Hospital Entry Direction (No. 9) released on 20/01/22.
- **Elective care** All non-urgent planned care will remain postponed until the week after Monday, 31 January 2022. 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; please ensure you are socially distanced, minimise mask off time and wipe down hard surfaces when finished.

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

- **ED/Woodford/Kilcoy WP** Woodford staff working through current outbreak with QCS
- **SICU** supporting other SL
- **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** All deaths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with COVID need to be reported to the MN EOC and Sherry Holzapfel, Executive Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, regardless of if it was primary diagnosis or not so we can support the community. Mob-link for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 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.**