

Caboolture, Kilcoy, Woodford Directorate staff

COVID-19 daily update for Monday, 31 January 2022

IMT COVID-19 UPDATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- A reminder to our clinical staff to please start and document the Acute Resuscitation Plan (ARPs) with COVID positive patients when appropriate. ARPs are an important decision-making tool, promote best clinical practice, and allow the wishes of patients to be respected through a predetermined planning process.
- Achieving optimal patient flow continues to be a key focus. Please work proactively with your Team Leaders to undertake safe discharge planning.
- In appropriate cases, safe patient referrals to our HITH program should be progressed.
- Caboolture Hospital received an additional 14 Air Purifiers today (31/01). CKW EOC is assembling the Air Purifiers and planning is underway for installation.
- 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

- *CKW has 21 inpatients, including 2 patients in the Caboolture Hospital ICU (one ventilated).*
- *Woodford Corrections has 65 COVID positive patients.*
- *Queensland Health has confirmed that HHS's are not required to support Education Queensland with RAT tests or RAT reporting obligations and requirements.*
- 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

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.
 - Virtual CKW All Staff Update this Wednesday (02/02)
- Ensure key information on Metro North's COVID-19 Tier response is being shared with our new staff.
- 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

- We will continue to conduct donning and doffing PPE audits to assess safety and staff compliance.
- 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.
- **Booster clinic** The CKW Staff booster clinic located in the Library is open every Wednesday from 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.
- **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.
- **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** staffing pressures in the ED
- **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.