

Caboolture, Kilcoy, Woodford Directorate staff

COVID-19 daily update for Wednesday, 2 February 2022

IMT COVID-19 UPDATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- An update on the status of non-urgent planned care is expected to be confirmed in the Incident Controller update. Postponement is to continue as planned.
- Metro North will reassess the Tier response for all MN facilities this Friday and will advise of any changes as soon as confirmed. We remain on Tier 4
- Patient flow continues to be a key focus and we need to ensure we are safely and fully utilising our patient transfer agreement with Caboolture Private Hospital, St Vincent's Hospital and our HITH services.
- Announced today that GPs and the PHN delivering home care to well COVID positive patients will be supported by *Billy the Bot* – new state-of-the-art robot technology that will contact and communicate with patients being cared for at home.
- 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 131 ward patients, 10 in ICU (5 ventilated), 994 in the virtual ward.*
- *CKW has 20 inpatients, including 2 patients in the Caboolture Hospital ICU.*
- *Woodford Corrections has 57 COVID positive patients.*
- All MN Staff returning from overseas in the last 14 days are required to apply for an exemption before returning to work.
- Where appropriate, clinical staff are encouraged to commence the Acute Resuscitation Plan (ARPs) process with COVID positive patients.
- Working from home arrangements, where safe and productive, are being extended to 13/02.
- 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:**
 - Improving our discharge planning and patient flow through appropriate patient transfers to Caboolture Private Hospital and St Vincent's and safe patient referrals to our HITH program.
 - Escalation of critical staffing shortages and identifying strategies and staffing solutions for workforce shortages.
 - Fit testing staff working in priority high risk areas.

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.
- 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
- SICU supporting other SL
- MOPS nursing shortfalls being managed and monitored
- AH/Pharmacy Call 8153 for AH discharge help

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