

Caboolture, Kilcoy, Woodford Directorate staff

COVID-19 daily update for Wednesday 9 February 2022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Metro North Health is committed to prioritising fit testing for all frontline staff. Check the [Fit Testing Extranet page](#) for CKW dates and phone 5316 2422 to make an appointment.
- The [National Guideline](#) referenced in the [Queensland Health guideline](#) recommends you do a fit test check every time you don an N95 mask to ensure you have a good seal.
- Caboolture Hospital has 16 COVID-19 inpatients, including two patients in the ICU.
- Woodford Corrections Health has 41 COVID-19 positive patients. Kilcoy Hospital has no COVID-19 positive patients.
- Metro North has 425 positive patients. This includes 95 patients in hospital, seven in ICU and three ventilated. There are 330 patients in the virtual ward.
- Metro North has 212 positive staff and 176 staff in quarantine (related to a close contact).
- Metro North Health is now on a [Tier 3](#) response, which allows us to resume some planned care.
- At CKW, a plan is being developed to resume planned care and ability to continue BAU processes.
- Regular Booster clinic is open at [Caboolture Hospital Library until 3.30pm TODAY](#) (Wednesday 9/2). This is a regular clinic open every Wednesday.
- Once you have had a booster, please [upload](#) the vaccination certificate on the COVID-19 Extranet page (not TMS). Find the blue [‘Register Your Evidence’](#) button in the middle of the page. Note this page is internal access only (but don't use Internet Explorer).
- A [staff COVID-19 Testing clinic](#) is operational in the Caboolture Hospital Staff Car Park. Operational from 7.30am – 3.30pm every day with PCR and RAT testing. RAT kits also available after hours from EOC (phone 5316 5014), hospital coordinators or ED triage if all other options not available.
- [Working from home arrangements](#), where safe and productive, continue until Sunday 13 February. There is then an [expectation from Metro North for all to return to the workplace](#).
- All Metro North Health Staff [returning from overseas](#) in the last 14 days are required to apply for an exemption before returning to work. Please make sure you tick the [‘General Exemption from a Health Direction’](#) box. Several applications have been declined recently due to do staff incorrectly ticking the [‘Specialist/Essential Worker’](#) box. There is an update coming later this week that will make this process more straightforward.
- Changes to the Healthcare Worker Framework will allow for the [return of asymptomatic close contact workers](#) utilising a risk matrix process to guide suitability. At present, this discussion is to involve line manager and EOC with a flowchart process pending.
- Notify EOC of [redeployable staff](#) - call Ext 5014 or email EOC-CabKilcoy@health.qld.gov.au
- [Vaccinated visitors](#) allowed as per the [Hospital Entry Direction \(No.11\)](#) effective from Saturday (5/2).
- The requirement to use the [Check-In Queensland app](#) has been removed for locations not covered under the vaccine mandate. That means no more checking in at the supermarket, [but it's still required at pubs, clubs, restaurants, cafes and visiting a hospital](#).
- [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.

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