

# Caboolture, Kilcoy, Woodford Directorate staff

## COVID-19 daily update for Thursday 10th February 2022

As Metro North is now on [Tier 3](#), there have been some questions about what this means for us at CKW.

The table below clarifies key points regarding training, PPE, meetings, outpatients and procedures:

	<b>Metro North Tier 3 Plan</b>	<b>What this means at CKW:</b>
<b>Training</b>	Essential training delivered virtually.  No face-to-face training.	Essential training = related to patient safety and clinical care.  No face-to-face training = all online.
<b>PPE</b>	High Risk – as defined in <a href="#">Table 3</a> of the Queensland Health Pandemic Response Guidance on PPE.	<p><u>All staff within the clinical buildings (incl walkways and non-clinical spaces)</u> = P2/N95 mask + protective eyewear (in addition to spectacles).</p> <p><u>Patient care (COVID-19 suspect or confirmed)</u> = P2/N95 mask, Protective eyewear (in addition to spectacles), Gown/Apron, Gloves.</p> <p><u>Staff in non-clinical buildings (incl Riverside)</u> = Surgical mask unless working alone in their own office.</p> <p><u>Staff outside on hospital site (eg walking to car or another building)</u> = surgical mask.</p> <p><u>Inpatients (age 12+)</u> = Surgical mask where tolerated, unless in own bed.</p> <p><u>Outpatients</u> = Surgical masks in waiting rooms.</p> <p><u>Visitors</u> = Surgical masks.</p>
<b>Meetings</b>	Virtual meetings only.  Suspension of non-essential meetings.	All meetings = online.  Essential = related to safety or operational requirements.
<b>Outpatients and Procedures</b>	<a href="#">Metro North Health Tier 3 Plan</a>	Slow return to increased activity, specific to clinical team, as determined by Exec and updated in daily IMT.

- Caboolture Hospital has 13 COVID-19 inpatients.
- Woodford Corrections Health has 23 COVID-19 positive patients. Kilcoy Hospital has one COVID-19 positive patient.
- Metro North has 411 positive patients. This includes 91 patients in hospital, seven in ICU and five ventilated. There are 320 patients in the virtual ward.
- Metro North has 203 positive staff and 196 staff in quarantine (related to a close contact).
- 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.
- Regular Booster clinic is open at [Caboolture Hospital Library every Wednesday](#). We will be reviewing this at the end of February as there has been low attendance the past few weeks.
- 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.
- At CKW, a plan is being developed to [resume planned care](#) and ability to continue BAU processes. This will be a gradual, staged approach.
- [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](mailto:EOC-CabKilcoy@health.qld.gov.au)
- [Vaccinated visitors](#) allowed as per the [Hospital Entry Direction \(No.11\)](#) effective from Saturday (5/2). A revised Hospital Visitors Directive is expected in coming days.
- 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.**