## Caboolture, Kilcoy, Woodford Directorate staff

COVID-19 daily update for Friday 18 February 2022

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Metro North remains on a <u>Tier 3 response</u> and gradually resuming semi-urgent and long wait category 2 planned care with a focus on virtual appointments where possible.
- Tier 3 includes High Risk PPE, such as wearing an N95 mask and goggles/face-shield. This <u>PPE matrix</u> outlines the appropriate PPE for your type of work.
- From Monday, the COVID-19 Testing Clinic tent in the Caboolture Hospital Staff Car Park will cease. Instead, staff can present to the volunteer hut (at the main entry) where, if they meet the criteria, RATs will be issued. Will be operational 7.30am-4pm seven days.
- The Kilcoy Hospital Fever Clinic is now closed. RATs can be provided to people who attend seeking testing but unaware of the closure. This will be dependent on meeting criteria.
- Symptomatic people in the community seeking a COVID-19 test can continue to present to a provide provider (such as S&N) for a COVID-19 PCR test without GP referral. This emergency provision has been extended (by the Federal Government) to Monday 7 March.
- Caboolture Hospital has five COVID-19 inpatients which includes one in ICU.
- Woodford Corrections Health and Kilcoy Hospital have no COVID-19 positive patients.
- Metro North Health COVID-19 HR Hotline continues. Phone 3647 2819 Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm.
- There is a new procedure to approve the return to work for asymptomatic critically essential staff who are close contacts of a diagnosed COVID-19 case. The form should be initiated out by the employee's line manager. Contact your Service Line lead for a link to the new form.
- Hotel quarantine in Queensland will officially cease with the final person expected to check-out tomorrow. All people requiring quarantine will now be sent to Wellcamp. Contact the CKW EOC (which will liaise with Metro North EOC) to arrange quarantine (including transport).
- Please check the <u>Fit Testing Extranet page</u> for CKW dates and phone 5316 2422 to make an appointment. Appointments will be available Monday-Friday only from next week (21 February).
- The <u>Staff Wellbeing Portal</u> on the Metro North COVID-19 Extranet also has a range of resources and tips for eating well, managing anxiety, money management, parenting and much more. Please take the time to explore this helpful website.
- The Check-In Queensland app must still be used when visiting a hospital. Proof of vaccination must also be provided.
- 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.
- Once you have had a booster, please upload your vaccination certificate. Find the blue <u>Register</u> <u>Your Evidence</u> button in the middle of this page on the extranet. The evidence page is internal access only (don't use Internet Explorer).

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

