**COVID-19** **UPDATE 38: Friday, 10 April 2020 12:05pm**

Dear Staff

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you updated, here is the latest information on confirmed COVID-19 cases across the District:

According to our latest situation report, the total number of confirmed COVID cases in Hunter New England is 260. This is an additional two cases of COVID-19 since our last update to staff yesterday.

You may observe that the data provided in the staff update can differ slightly from the information released publically to the media and via our Facebook page. This is because the public data is reported at a particular point in time and aligned with the release of the NSW Ministry of Health state wide data on their website. Case numbers can also change as they undergo further investigation and review.

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| **Table 1: Confirmed cases by sex and age group** | | | |
| **Age** | **Female** | **Male** | **Total** |
| 0-9 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 10-19 | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| 20-29 | 27 | 18 | 45 |
| 30-39 | 17 | 15 | 32 |
| 40-49 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| 50-59 | 26 | 16 | 42 |
| 60-69 | 32 | 21 | 53 |
| 70-79 | 23 | 22 | 45 |
| 80-89 | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| 90-100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 150 | 110 | 260 |

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| **Table 2: Confirmed cases by source of infection** | |
| Overseas travel | 197 |
| Locally Acquired, contact with a confirmed case | 35 |
| Locally Acquired, no contact identified | 24 |
| Under investigation | 4 |
| Total | 260 |

Currently 15 patients are receiving care from Hospital in the Home services, and 9 COVID-19 patients are being cared for in our hospitals.

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| **Hospital** | **ICU** | **Acute Ward** |
| John Hunter | 3 | 4 |
| Calvary Mater Newcastle | 1 | 0 |
| Belmont | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 4 | 5 |

Across the District, 164 people have recovered and two have died.

**Advice for the Easter long weekend**

I would like to remind you that we have made some slight changes to the operating hours of some of our testing clinics for the long weekend.

The following clinics will operate as usual over the long weekend:

* The Belmont Hospital Clinic drive-through service will operate between 8am-4.30pm each day,
* The John Hunter Hospital Clinic will continue to operate between 8am-10.30pm each day,
* The Manning Hospital Clinic will operate between 8am-4.30pm each day

The Calvary Mater Newcastle Clinic will be closed from Friday to Monday inclusive.

The Maitland Hospital Clinic will be open from 10am – 4pm this Thursday, Saturday and Monday, and will close on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

**Stay updated**

Stay up to date with our latest developments via the [HNE Health Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/HNEHealth/) and the [HNE Health YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99ZMIf0PAeY&list=PL6Yvx_ulQNtX6iqN1peWEGqYyYitFJEjw) as well as [Patientinfo.org.au](http://patientinfo.org.au/index.htm?726843.htm#.XngzvJCP5aQ)

This information can be shared with your networks, families and friends to help us spread these important messages to our wider communities.

Clinician-specific information related to COVID-19 is available at [COVID-19 Clinical Guidelines](http://intranet.hne.health.nsw.gov.au/novel_coronavirus/control_guidelines).

Kind regards

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