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## COVID-19 UPDATE 43: Wednesday, 15 April 2020 2:30pm

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 270. This is one additional case of COVID-19 since our last update to staff yesterday.

| Table 1: Confirmed cases by sex and age group |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Age   | Female     | Male       | Total      |
| 0-9   | 1          | 1          | 2          |
| 10-19   | 9          | 4          | 13         |
| 20-29   | 30         | 19         | 49         |
| 30-39   | 17         | 16         | 33         |
| 40-49   | 6          | 8          | 14         |
| 50-59   | 26         | 17         | 43         |
| 60-69   | 33         | 21         | 53         |
| 70-79   | 24         | 22         | 46         |
| 80-89   | 10         | 6          | 16         |
| 90-100  | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>156</b> | <b>114</b> | <b>270</b> |

| Table 2: Confirmed cases by source of infection                    |            |
|--|------------|
| Overseas travel  | 204        |
| Locally Acquired (within Australia), contact with a confirmed case | 39         |
| Locally Acquired (within Australia), no contact identified         | 27         |
| Under investigation  | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>270</b> |

Currently 14 patients are receiving care from Hospital in the Home services, and six COVID-19 patients are being cared for in our hospitals.

| Hospital | ICU | Acute Ward |
|----------|-----|------------|
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|-------------------------|---|---|
| John Hunter             | 2 | 2 |
| Calvary Mater Newcastle | 0 | 1 |
| Belmont                 | 0 | 1 |
| Total                   | 2 | 4 |

Across the District, 209 people have recovered.

Tragically, three people from our District have died from complications related to COVID-19. There have been no new deaths since our last update.

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.

### **Register for SMS messaging for faster test results**

NSW Health Pathology is currently dealing with a very high number of COVID-19 tests. To ensure you can get your results much faster, a dedicated **COVID-19 SMS Results Service** has been set up.

This service is for anyone who have had their test sample taken at a NSW Public Hospital Emergency Department or COVID-19 Clinic. If you had your sample taken in the community by your GP or a private pathology provider, you will need to contact your GP for your COVID-19 results.

You can register for the service by sending an SMS with the words: 'my result' to 0488 826 508.

You will immediately receive a response SMS asking you to type in some personal details so that we can verify your identity. This will make sure we can match you to your result.

If your result is negative, you will receive an SMS from the NSW Health Pathology **COVID-19 SMS Results Service** once it is available.

If you test positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted directly by a public healthcare professional as a priority.

You can find a factsheet on the service [here](#).

### **Stay updated**

Stay up to date with our latest developments via the [HNE Health Facebook page](#) and the [HNE Health YouTube channel](#) as well as [Patientinfo.org.au](http://Patientinfo.org.au)

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](#).

[Kind regards](#)

**Michael DiRienzo**

Chief Executive | **Hunter New England Local Health District**

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