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## COVID-19 UPDATE 44: Thursday, 16 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 271. 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	17	34
40-49	6	8	14
50-59	26	17	43
60-69	33	21	54
70-79	24	22	46
80-89	10	6	16
90-100	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>271</b>

Table 2: Confirmed cases by source of infection	
Overseas travel	205
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>271</b>

Currently 17 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	1	3
Calvary Mater Newcastle	0	1
Belmont	0	1
Total	1	5

Across the District, 216 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.

### **Call to the community of Moree**

As cases stabilise, Hunter New England Health is identifying areas where testing is relatively low and further investigation is needed to ensure an accurate picture of COVID-19 occurrence across the District.

Hunter New England Health is calling on Moree locals with fever or recent onset respiratory symptoms to call their GP or Moree Hospital to arrange for testing. Current clients of Pius X Aboriginal Medical Service can also contact that service to arrange testing.

We are not putting the spotlight on Moree because we expect to find a significant cluster of the disease there. If anything, we're expecting to find a very small number of cases, if any at all.

But it's important that we know what is actually happening in the community. We will only be able to confirm that there is no issue if we increase testing.

### **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](#)

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](#)

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