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Sorry, this is today's update, I just accidentally forwarded yesterday's as today's...

COVID-19 UPDATE 49: Tuesday, 21 April 2020 4:25pm

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 277. This additional case had previously been under the care of another LHD.

Age	Female	Male	Total
0-9	1	1	2
10-19	9	4	13
20-29	31	19	50
30-39	17	17	34
40-49	8	8	16
50-59	28	17	45
60-69	33	21	54
70-79	24	22	46
80-89	10	7	17
90-100	0	0	0
Total	161	116	277

Overseas travel	207
Locally Acquired (within Australia), contact with a confirmed case	39
Locally Acquired (within Australia), no contact identified	31
Total	277

Currently 13 patients are receiving care from Hospital in the Home services, and five COVID-19 patients are being cared for in our hospitals.

Hospital	ICU	Acute Ward
John Hunter	1	2

Calvary Mater Newcastle	0	1
Belmont	0	1
Tamworth	0	0
Total	1	4

Across the District, 234 people have recovered.

Tragically, four people from our District have died from complications related to COVID-19.

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.

Staff advice line available

I would like to remind everyone that the dedicated COVID-19 staff advice line is now available.

The line is staffed by a team of multidisciplinary health professionals who will endeavour to answer your questions about personal health and wellbeing, screening processes, out-of-work supports and protecting your family during COVID-19.

Please see the [fact sheet](#) for more information on this service.

The service is available between 8am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday, and can be accessed by calling 1800 512 361.

Aboriginal health webinar on tonight

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 50 and those with a chronic health condition are among those at high risk of COVID-19.

Tonight, a panel of experts will be providing culturally safe health information on COVID-19 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities via an online webinar. This panel includes;

- Dr Kat Taylor - Population Health Physician, HNELHD
- Sussan Maybury - District Coordinator, Aboriginal Family Health, HNELHD
- Kylie Taylor - Aboriginal Health Worker, HNELHD
- Kristy Crooks - Aboriginal Programs Manager, HNELHD
- John Baillie - Executive Manager, Primary Care Improvement, HNECCPHN
- Matt Schumacher - Registered Nurse, Awabakal Ltd.

The webinar will be available via livestream only, from 6pm-8pm. To register, head to the [Eventbrite](#) website.

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](#)

Michael DiRienzo

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

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