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## COVID-19 UPDATE 52: Friday, 24 April 2020 4:45pm

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 remains at 277.

| 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     |
| <b>Total</b> | 161    | 116  | 277   |

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|--|-----|
| Overseas travel  | 207 |
| Locally Acquired (within Australia), contact with a confirmed case | 39  |
| Locally Acquired (within Australia), no contact identified         | 31  |
| <b>Total</b>   | 277 |

Currently nine 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   | 3          |
| Calvary Mater Newcastle | 0   | 0          |

|          |   |   |
|----------|---|---|
| Belmont  | 0 | 1 |
| Tamworth | 0 | 0 |
| Total    | 1 | 4 |

Across the District, 241 people have completed isolation requirements.

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.

*Due to the stabilisation of case numbers we have seen this week, you will not receive a daily update from me over the weekend, with the next CE update due to occur on Monday 27 April.*

*If the situation changes and there is significant information that needs to be communicated, I will of course do so over the weekend.*

### **New compulsory eLearning course – PPE for combined transmission-based precautions**

A new online learning course has been developed by the Clinical Excellence Commission, specifically for the COVID-19 response to enhance procedures for PPE.

The module contains two videos that provide instructions for putting on and taking off PPE when applying combined transmission-based precautions, in addition to standard precautions.

The training is compulsory for all staff, while clinical and support staff who interact in and around the patient zone will be prioritised to complete the training first. The training takes 15 minutes and must be completed by staff within 4 weeks. The training will remain mandatory for the duration of the COVID-19 response and can be accessed via My Health Learning on the Intranet.

For more information, visit the [NSW Health](#) 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](#).

To view information on COVID-19 and other conditions, which is available to the primary care sector through collaboration with the HNECCPHN, please visit [HNE Community HealthPathways](#).

Kind regards

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

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