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COVID-19 UPDATE 55: Wednesday, 29 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 remains at 278.

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	34	21	55
70-79	24	22	46
80-89	10	7	17
90-100	0	0	0
Total	162	116	278

Overseas travel	208
Locally Acquired (within Australia), contact with a confirmed case	40
Locally Acquired (within Australia), no contact identified	30
Total	278

Currently 12 patients are receiving care from Hospital in the Home services, and two COVID-19 patients are being cared for in our hospitals.

Hospital	ICU	Acute Ward
John Hunter	1	0
Belmont	0	1

Total	1	1
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Across the District, 250 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.

Armidale and Tamworth clinic hours extended

Due to high demand, the Armidale and Tamworth COVID-19 clinics have extended their operating hours.

The Armidale drive through clinic will now operate from 9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday, and will be open for an additional week from Monday 4 – Friday 8 May. Those wishing to be tested must call 0427 923 080 within clinic operating hours to register. The clinic is in front of the old emergency department (accessed via the O’Dell St entrance).

The Tamworth drive through clinic has been extended to operate 9am to 4pm until Friday 8 May. Those wishing to be tested must call 1800 881 568 (during testing hours) to register before attending the clinic. The clinic is set up in hospital carpark E on the corner of Johnston and Smith streets.

COVID-19 governance processes

To date the Subject Matter Expert (SMEs) group has developed more than 50 documents to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our patients and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I urge people thinking about developing COVID-19 guidelines to review the existing documents [here](#). If a guideline is still required, please have a discussion with:

1. Either Dr Josh Davies or Bianca Gray to provide guidance on document requirements
2. Your line manager to seek approval to undertake the work

It is great to see staff working together at a District level on this valuable work.

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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