

NIHRACS COVID-19 Update 24 August 2022

- NIHRACS is currently managing an outbreak of COVID-19 among the residential aged care patients, with several positive cases recorded since the weekend.
- All positive cases and close contacts within aged care are being closely monitored and supported. All those who have tested positive remain on island.
- The community is assured this situation is being well managed by NIHRACS staff, with support from Queensland's Metro North Health, including expert advice from infectious diseases and public health specialists.
- Visits to those in aged care are being carefully managed on a case-by-case basis, to keep residents in contact with their family and loved ones while managing the current COVID risks.
- Please contact NIHRACS for further information on the current visits processes for those in aged care.
- If visitors are unwell or have any symptoms, they are asked to stay home and get tested and plan to visit again once well.
- Also, if you need medical attention, please don't delay attending the GP clinic or hospital. There are appropriate COVID response measures in place at NIHRACS to manage the current situation.
- We will provide further information on the situation as it progresses.

- This is a good time for everyone to remember to do your part and follow your COVID-safe behaviours, which are key to limiting the spread of COVID and protecting yourself and others.
- Maintain a safe distance from others, practise good hand hygiene, cover your coughs and sneezes, stay home if sick and get tested.
- Wearing a mask is an easy and effective way to protect yourself when indoors or if you can't physically distance from others.
- You can keep up to date with information on COVID-19 on the NIHRACS website or Facebook page.