Monday 11 January 2021

Dear colleagues,

Epidemiology

- There has been no new cases of COVID-19 detected outside hotel quarantine in Queensland in the last 24 hours
- More than 18,000 COVID-19 tests were performed in Queensland over the weekend. Despite the high volume of tests, they are still being processed within 24 hours. A big thank you to our public and private pathology providers for their immense effort.

Directions Update

- The lock down in the 5 Greater Brisbane LGAs described in the previous Update will be eased from tonight, 18:00, 11 January 2021. However, a number of restrictions will continue until 22 January 2021. Formal directions with additional information will be published online.

Work arrangements

- Work arrangements return to business-as-usual from 18:00 today. There is no Direction or recommendation for people to work from home over and above their normal arrangements after this time.

PPE

- The PPE guidance for Queensland that was circulated in the last Update remains unchanged: the five LGAs of the greater Brisbane area remains at ‘moderate’ risk; and the risk level for all other parts of Queensland remains ‘low’. It is currently anticipated that this recommendation will last until 22 January 2021, however the recommendations are reviewed regularly and may change.
- Healthcare workers who moved from a ‘moderate’ to a ‘low’ risk area on or after 2 January should continue to follow the moderate PPE guidance

Clinical placements

- Clinical placements of students (nursing, medical) resume as normal from 12 January 2021; with adherence to PPE guidance

Inspirational thought

- ‘Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely’ (Roy Bennett)

Kind regards,

Carl
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