



Queensland Health

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Dear General Practitioner

I refer to my previous correspondence on 28 July 2022 where I advised it was necessary to extend Queensland Health's response to COVID-19 and influenza to ensure that we could maintain appropriate responses to the urgent and emergency care needs for all patients presenting to Hospital and Health Services (HHSs). This response included the recommendation for HHSs to consider suspending scheduling of routine non-urgent (category 3) outpatient appointments as categorised in accordance with the Clinical Prioritisation Criteria (CPC).

With COVID-19 transmission and hospital admissions trending down and easing the demand and pressure across the system, I write to advise that HHSs across Queensland will resume the scheduling of Category 3 referrals according to normal processes. These referrals will be processed in line with the date they were originally received unless they are a higher clinical priority.

I thank you for your collaboration and ongoing partnership in working to ensure Queensland continues to manage the risks associated with COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

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