

# COVID-19 Primary Care Update No. 70

General Practice Liaison Network, Healthcare Improvement Unit

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Hi,

## Epidemiology

- Globally, there are now more than 16 million COVID-19 cases, with 14,403 in Australia
- A colleague succinctly described our Queensland position as 'eyes to the South and eyes to the North'.
- COVID-19 'hotspots' are likely to be dynamic, updated regularly and can be viewed here: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/hotspots-covid-19>

## COVID-19 National Guideline Update

- [Version 3.5 of the COVID-19 SoNG was published on 24 July](#). Changes include a section on routine prevention activities (pages 8,9), and a sub-section on procedure for assessing indeterminate and suspected false positive SARSCoV-2 PCR results (pages 14-16).

## New Deputy Chief Health Officer

- Dr Sonya Bennett was recently appointed as the Queensland Deputy Chief Health Officer. Sonya is an experienced clinician and healthcare leader and we wish her all of the best in this important role

## Practical tips – isolation advice

- It is essential that people continue to appropriately isolate (see <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others-from-coronavirus-covid-19/isolation-for-coronavirus-covid-19>). The current advice is:
  - if someone is a confirmed or probable case, they must isolate until they meet the appropriate criteria for release from isolation
  - if someone is a close contact of a confirmed or probable case, they are required to quarantine for 14 days following their last close contact with the case during the case's infectious period
  - if someone is a returned international traveller, they are required to quarantine for 14 days following their return to Australia
  - if someone is symptomatic, they should isolate at home until their symptoms have resolved
  - if someone is tested for the virus, they need to isolate at home and avoid contact with other people until a result is received.

## Webinars

29-Jul-20	7:30-9:00am	GCPHN	Practice Managers Breakfast Forum	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
30-Jul-20	6:30-7:30pm	GCPHN	Compassionate Communication for Receptionists	<a href="#">Register Here</a>

01-Aug-20	9:00am-3:20pm	BJC Health	Virtual Jam Session: Joint and Musculoskeletal Pain	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
04-Aug-20	11:00am-12:30pm	Dementia Australia	National Symposium Series	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
04-Aug-20	6:30-7:30pm	NACA and BSPHN	Asthma Update 2020 Workshop	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
05-Aug-20	6:00-7:00pm	RACGP - Members only	COVID-19 DHHS and RACGP Victoria	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
06-Aug-20	7:30-8:30pm	RACGP Rural	Recognition and Treatment of Anaphylaxis	<a href="#">Register Here</a>

### Inspirational thought

RACGP President Dr Harry Nespolon passed away yesterday. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. Today's inspirational thought is from the opening address Harry gave at GP19: *'We should always endeavour to do better, to break the mould, to include voices that haven't been heard, to innovate and to learn from the experience of other jurisdictions'*.

Kind regards,

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