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**Subject:** Re: Information for Premier's briefing - Cherbourg outbreak

We just took 500 beds at Wellcamp with commissioning to begin on Tuesday, due to be completed in three weeks. I will see if this can be expedited, even for a small number of beds to start with.

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On 1 Jan 2022, at 2:47 pm, Dawn Schofield **Irrelevant** <[@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:@health.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Hi all,

I understand concerns have been raised that Toowoomba Hospital could be overwhelmed as a result of the Cherbourg outbreak.

Advice is that Toowoomba Hospital has a single ward that has been converted to care for COVID positive patients. The ward has capacity for 26 patients and currently is holding 9 inpatients. 7 social admissions and 2 unwell. I don't believe these are all from the Cherbourg outbreak.

Should this ward become full, the plan would be to instigate the opening of another ward at Toowoomba or consideration could be given to a small number of beds in one or more rural facilities. Given the number of small facilities spread over a large geographical area, all Darling Downs facilities are able to accept an ED presentation for assessment. The decision to admit or transfer to admit at another facility is based on the ability of the facility to safely manage any infection control risk for the rest of the facility such as lack of suitable airflow infrastructure, co-location of aged care residents in MPHSS

Thanks

Dawn

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Hi all,

No additional case information at this point.

- A social admission has been made to Toowoomba Hospital.
- 138 tests have been done today but from tomorrow Rapid Antigen Testing will be utilised to increase capacity for testing and also support a quicker turnaround on results to allow a more rapid understanding of the spread of COVID-19 and subsequent decisions on support and care.
- Surge vaccination started today with 67 Vaccinations delivered today, including at the local Residential Aged Care Facility.
- The DDMG has asked for accommodation to support quarantine or isolation. This would be of great assistance as a number of the impacted households are overcrowded.

Thanks  
Dawn

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Hi John,

I don't believe so at this stage, thankfully, but we have reached out for an update.

Thanks  
Dawn

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Thanks very much Dawn.  
Any idea of hospitalisations?  
John.

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Hi all,

I understand that DPC has been asked to brief the Premier in the morning on the situation in Cherbourg.

We've provided the following information this evening, and will update as new information comes through.

#### Cherbourg outbreak

- Cases are growing rapidly in Cherbourg – there are 25 cases reported in Cherbourg with another 13 cases linked to the Cherbourg community in Murgon, Kingaroy and surrounding communities.
- Of the 38 cases in the cluster, 27 cases are in people aged 39 and under, with 10 cases in those aged 40 and above and 3 cases in people aged 70-79 years (1 case is missing age data).
- There have been delays in prioritising testing for household contacts of positive cases in Cherbourg.
- The community was to receive a delivery of 1,500 Rapid Antigen Tests to support a rapid response testing blitz of households with exposure to support a response to slow the growth of cases in community.
- Messaging on community Facebook pages and other social media have been sent out by council encouraging people to stay at home, to get tested if they have symptoms or have been in contact with a COVID positive case and to get the vaccinated if they have not yet done so.
- Vaccination clinics will be running at the Cherbourg Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Service (CRAICHHS) Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January from 8.30am to 4.00pm.
- Foodbank have delivered essential supplies to the community to support home isolation and quarantine for families across the community.

**Cherbourg Community Health Service messaging:**

It is time for UNITY in COMMUNITY - COVID-19 is now in Cherbourg, so it is time for us to look out for each other.

Got symptoms? Get Tested? Not sure, still get tested!

Got the COVID? Stay at home - isolate!

No parties now - stay at home with family this year, no visitors - we can party when it's all done.

Need help? Ask for it - our Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) are working closely with Queensland Health and local health to make sure everyone gets supported - phone number for Cherbourg Hospital is 4169 8800

Feeling a bit crook? Get tested!

Expect things to change over coming days and weeks - more people will likely get the COVID - it is spreading quickly in Queensland and it will spread quickly in our region as well.

#staysafe #stayhome #GetTested #cherbourg

Thanks

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