Friday 29 May 2020

Dear colleagues,

Epidemiology

- COVID-19 is rapidly becoming a leading cause of death globally as shown in this graphical representation: https://public.flourish.studio/visualisation/2562261/. An interesting infogram of the timeline of COVID-19 in Australia can be viewed here: https://infogram.com/1p0izkl6ngzjmcem0wmp7rwektnd57677q
- The week in review (23 to 29 May 2020) in Queensland: 5 new cases and almost 15,000 tests
- All residents of North Rockhampton Nursing Centre, where a nurse tested positive to COVID-19 on 14 May, have returned negative results after day 12 testing for the virus. The centre is working with public health and local health staff on a plan to return residents as soon as possible.

SHECC and IMT advice for Queenslanders about testing

- Queenslanders with ANY symptoms of COVID-19 are encouraged to get tested for the virus. Fewer than 5,000 are being tested each day. Increased testing is vital as restrictions are lifted.
- Please encourage family, friends and patients to be tested if they have any symptoms of the virus.

New Public Health Direction hotline

- Queensland Health established a hotline for questions about Public Health Directions for COVID-19. Please continue to direct people to the website in the first instance as the FAQs are comprehensive: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers. The hotline is available for any additional questions. The hotline number is 134 COVID (134 26843).

Resource

- Would you like to participate in the Queensland Country Women’s Association Cook at Home Challenge? Or just look at some of the mouth-watering recipes: https://hw.qld.gov.au/bigboost/the-qcwa-cook-at-home-challenge/

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Inspirational thought (thanks Jo!)

- Who knew that Australia had the distinction of being home to the ‘leading fake Russian choir in the Southern hemisphere’? I love the unselfconscious title that describes how the choir ‘went viral during the coronavirus pandemic’ - [https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-05-25/australian-fake-russian-choir-dustyesky-goes-viral-mullumbimby/12270670](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-05-25/australian-fake-russian-choir-dustyesky-goes-viral-mullumbimby/12270670). I will leave it to everyone to find their own inspiration from this story (for me it was the camaraderie and beautiful setting).

Kind regards,

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