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Statement from Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service

Sunshine Coast HHS has called for calm following an influx of visitors to its fever clinic at Caloundra Health Service.

We understand members of the community might feel concerned about the recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 in their area – but we are reminding people of the importance of testing key groups.

Patients will not be tested for COVID-19 unless they have been overseas in the past 14 days and have a fever or respiratory symptoms; or have a had close contact with a known confirmed case.

There is no need for our community to panic.

We all have a role to play in protecting vulnerable people in our community.

• Clean your hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs.
• Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing.
• Avoid touching your face, nose and mouth. And avoid shaking hands.
• Stay home if you are unwell.
• Avoid contact with anyone who is unwell – try to stay 1.5m away from anyone coughing or sneezing.

Anyone with concerns can call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or find up-to-date reliable information on the Queensland Health website at [www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus)

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