

Please find to follow the latest COVID-19 Community Update. A further update will be provided by 4 pm on Monday 3 January 2021.

TCHHS has identified **nine new cases** of COVID-19 in the region today.

Two positive cases detected in Weipa (one household contact of a positive case).

Two positive case detected at Lakeland.

Four positive cases in Cooktown

Exposure venues highlighted in yellow are new. After 7 days, exposure sites will be removed.

Response Level: 5

Torres and Cape HHS remains at Tier 5 of its Rapid Response Plan with multiple cases in multiple communities.

Business as usual services have been stood down to enable the HHS to mount an appropriate response, including additional testing capacity, contact tracing, positive case and vulnerable patient management. Core functions to continue include: COVID testing, Contact Tracing, Vulnerable Patient Management, Mental Health, Emergency Care, Inpatient Care, Pharmacy, Pathology, Dialysis, Oncology, Maternity, Radiology, Emergency Surgery, Aged Care and Vaccination with GP and outreach services moving to telehealth

Case Numbers

Community	Daily	Active	Transferred to other HHS In home care	Transferred to other HHS inpatient	Discharged	Total cases
Bamaga	-	1	-	-	-	1
Cooktown	4	4	-	-	-	4
Lakeland	2	12	-	-	-	12
Weipa	3	12	-	-	-	12
Thursday Island	-	10	4	1	1	16
Total	9	39	4	1	1	45

Hospitalisations

Within TCHHS – 0

Clients being managed by virtual care

39 - All clients are either asymptomatic or have very mild symptoms

Exposure venues

The Queensland Health website is now only listing exposure sites of major concern. Additional local sites in our region will be shared via [Torres and Cape HHS Facebook page](#) and updated on our website. If an individual has attended an exposure venue they are advised to **only get tested if they develop symptoms**. Please note exposure sites will be removed after 7 days.

Cooktown

02/01/2022 17:00-18:30

Lions Den Takeaway

02/01/2022 14:10-16:00	Lions Den Hotel
02/01/2022 12:20-13:20	Ampol Cooktown
02/01/2022 10:15-13:30	Cooktown Cafe
01/01/2022 18:10-19:20	Ampol Cooktown
31/12/2021 20:00 to close	Lions Den
31/12/2021 07:00-16:00	Cooktown Hospital ED
31/12/2021 13:00-14:00	Australia Post
31/12/2021 13:30-14:30	Cooktown Newsagency
31/12/2021 15:45-16:45	Cornetts IGA

Bamaga

29/12/2021	Flight QN043 CNS to Horn to Bamaga
29/12/2021 13:30 to 21:00	Bamaga Hospital
30/12/2021 08:00 to 21:00	Bamaga Hospital
31/12/2021 08:00 to 10:30	Bamaga Hospital

Thursday Island

28/12/2021 10:30-12:00	IBIS Supermarket
28/12/2021 18:30-19:30	Island Rooster Uncle Frankie's

Weipa




02/01/2022	Flight QF 2478 (CNS to WPA)
31/12/2021 06:00-18:00	Loriem Point Work Site
30/12/2021 17:30-06:00	East Weipa HEQ Workshop
30/12/2021 18:15-18:45	Woolworths Supermarket Weipa
30/12/2021	SPQ Village Camp
30/12/2021 09:30-10:30	Woolworths Supermarket Weipa
30/12/2021 12:30-18:00	Loriem Point Work Site
30/12/2021	Flight QANTAS QF2480 CNS to WPA
30/12/2021	Flight ALLIANCE QQ7242 CNS to WPA
30/12/2021 11:00-12:30	Hastings Dearing Shed
30/12/2021 12:45-13:00	Shell Servo, Rocky Point QLD 4874
30/12/2021	Flight QF 2482 CNS to WPA Rows 2,3,4,5,6
29/12/2021	Flight 2480 CNS to WPA Rows 7,8,9,10,11
29/12/2021 14:17 – 15:30	Woolworths Supermarket Weipa
29/12/2021 08:00 – 09:15	Ma's Rides – Airport and Weipa Shuttle
28/12/2021 12:00 -13:00	Shell Servo, Rocky Point QLD 4874

Fever Clinics and Testing

- All Primary Health Care Centres across the Torres and Cape region offer COVID-19 testing.








- The Fever Clinics at Thursday Island Hospital, Weipa Hospital and Cooktown Hospital are open from 8 am to 5 pm Mon-Fri.
- Thursday Island and Cooktown Hospital are walk in fever clinics. For Weipa Hospital please call 40823611 to arrange a time to come in.
- All close contacts and those experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be tested using Rapid Antigen Tests where they are available or via PCR on Point of Care where it is available. All other tests will be transferred to Cairns or elsewhere for processing. This may cause a delay to receiving results.

Public Health Update

- Mask wearing is mandatory across Queensland in all indoor settings other than at home, where it is unsafe to do so or when undertaking strenuous exercise.
- Visitors to a Torres and Cape HHS health facility must wear a mask.
- Full details at <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/mandatory-masks>.
- No matter how mild your symptoms or where you live in our region, if you're feeling sick please  Get tested  Go home  Stay home
- Symptoms include fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea or lack of taste or smell.

Public Messaging

Please be reminded there are measures we can all take every day to help keep ourselves, our loved ones and our community safe:

-  Stay home when you are sick.
-  Get tested if you have even mild COVID-19 symptoms – then go home and stay home.
-  Wash your hands often, with soap or hand sanitizer.
-  Wear a mask if you can't socially distance, or when mandatory masks are required.
-  Check in with the Check In QLD app.
-  Get the COVID-19 vaccine – including your booster dose when it's time.
-  If you are planning on travelling across the region, consider whether or not it is essential.