



# Queensland GP Alliance

## A joint message to our members,

We are jointly writing to all our members to provide an emergent update on Queensland's plans for managing COVID-19 in the community.

ACRRM, AMA Qld, RACGP and RDAQ collectively represent Queensland general practice as the Queensland GP Alliance. We have worked together to advocate to Queensland Health for general practice and our communities regarding preparations for managing COVID-19 in the community.

We have focused our efforts and advocacy through the COVID19-Primary Care State Emergency Control Centre liaison meetings.

This message is to alert you to some important updates and to ensure you are watchful for upcoming critical communications from Queensland Health.

## What we know so far:

Queensland Health have advised the prevalence of Omicron is escalating the number of positive cases in Queensland earlier than anticipated. In response to this Queensland Health will be standing up an interim management model for Christmas and early NY period.

## Interim Management:

Under the interim management model Queensland Health will utilise Calvary-Medibank Home Support Services platform. Positive cases will be coordinated triaged and managed centrally for the interim.

We have called for a full briefing of the interim model and full information to communicate with our members. To date we have only been provided with a summary.

We understand Queensland Health will release clinician resources later today. We will also distribute key information via our websites and online communities

To assist you to manage patient enquiries and concerns we have included a number of important links. These include evidence based guidelines for managing people with COVID-19.

## Links to Important Resources

[QH Info & Resources for Qld clinicians](#)

[RACGP Guidelines for supporting patients in their home](#)

[National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce pathways](#)

**Community Recovery Hotline:**  
[Ph: 1800 173 349](#)

[QH co-designed information for consumers' for preparedness](#)

[QH Directive: Isolation for Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 Direction](#)

[Commonwealth advice: Workers in health care settings exposed to COVID-19](#)

## Future Management Model

We have represented the key principle that general practitioners are willing and able to assist COVID19 positive patients.

However, we have advocated that general practitioners need to be equipped and resourced to support patients to negotiate the current and new and evolving care pathways.

Health pathways for managing COVID-19 in the community have been released and provide a preview of the role of GPs in managing COVID in the community. You can preview them here.

## Health Pathways

### Please note:

The model of care described in this pathway has not yet been activated in Queensland. GP management of low-risk patients with COVID-19 will be activated as local case numbers rise. This page will be regularly updated with any changes in protocols. These links provide a preview

The state-wide COVID-19 Case Management HealthPathways is now available to view and it is encouraged that primary care clinicians and practice managers work through the pathways in preparation of the launch of the model of care.

[Suspected COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

[COVID-19 Case Management](#)



### Our outstanding questions

- Rapid provision of PPE and Fit Testing for GPs and their staff.
- A copy of the communication strategy to communicate the plan to Queensland GPs and communities so we can ensure improved timely communications to you from QH.
- Development of single page resources and flow charts for General Practice that are adapted to geographical and identified communities' contexts.
- Urgent briefings on the escalation, retrieval and deterioration pathways and management strategy for rural and remote communities.
- Urgent funding to ensure general practitioners are equipped and resourced to support patients to negotiate the current and new and evolving care pathways.

### We are here for you

We understand the next couple of weeks may be challenging professional and personally for all our members.

Each of the general practice peak bodies have ensured someone is available for you to connect with over the Christmas and New Year period.

Please see our key contacts below:

### Our contacts between 24 dec - 4 Jan

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