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**Queensland Health**

Dear Primary Care Providers

I write to advise that the Queensland Health COVID-19 Community Traffic Light level has escalated to Amber as of 11 November 2022. This follows advice from the Chief Health Officer based on epidemiological evidence of increasing COVID-19 transmission in the Queensland community.

The Queensland Health COVID-19 Community Traffic Light provides advice on measures for the community on measures they should consider following depending on the level of risk. For example, when the traffic light is amber, it is recommended the public wear a mask in certain settings. This information may also assist agencies and businesses in determining reasonable and practical steps to protect the health and safety of workers and the wider community. Further information on the Community Traffic Light is published on the Queensland Health website at [www.health.qld.gov.au/](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/).

As previously advised, Queensland Health has developed a COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Manual for acute and non-acute healthcare settings (Manual). The Manual outlines recommended minimum requirements for managing patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and other acute respiratory illnesses in healthcare settings.

Appendix 6 of the Manual provides a framework for deciding whether to escalate or de-escalate the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) in community healthcare, corrections, and hospitals. This resource may be used by healthcare settings to decide on appropriate PPE levels. It is likely that PPE levels will align with the corresponding COVID-19 Community Traffic Light level. For example, at amber (tier 1) in the community, health facilities may wish to adopt a moderate-level approach to PPE use. Facilities can adopt higher levels of PPE where this is appropriate for their individual circumstances.

The Manual is available at <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/novel-coronavirus-qld-clinicians/personal-protective-equipment-ppe>.

Queensland Health will continue to actively monitor the risk of COVID-19 based on the level of transmission in the community, national and international developments, as well as public health advice from bodies such as the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

I trust the above information is of assistance as we continue to manage COVID-19. Please be assured that Queensland Health will continue to support all our stakeholders with up-to-date information on the management of COVID-19 as and when appropriate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Drummond', written in a cursive style.

Shaun Drummond  
**Director-General**  
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