

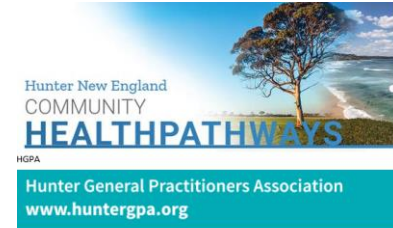
Developing a shared care model.

COVID care in the NENW community

Teamwork between Primary Care and Secondary Care.



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Local solutions for local issues.

- Removal of bed 25 rule-GP's can bill Medicare.
- Notification of patient nominated GPs of COVID positive diagnosis.
- Shared care pathway- including local access / local resources: "Who to call?"
- Communication of outcomes to wider NENW GP community.



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Short sharp meetings work well!

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Care of COVID-19 Positive Adult Patients in the Community

Last updated 3 November 2021

This pathway is about general practice involvement in the management of patients aged 18 years and over with known or presumed COVID-19 in the community. See also:

- [Care of COVID-19 Positive Paediatric Patients](#).
- [COVID-19 Isolation Support](#)
- [COVID-19 Telehealth](#)
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Clinical editor's note

From 15 October 2021 COVID Care in the Community (CCiC) will admit all new adult COVID-19 positive patients managed at:

- home as **outpatients** of the CCiC service. General practitioners will be able to claim Medicare benefits for these patients.
- a medi-hotel as inpatients of the CCiC service. As per the NSW Health [Adult and Paediatric Hospital in the Home \(HITH\) Guideline](#), general practitioners can only claim Medicare benefits if the service is clearly unrelated to the patient's COVID-19 diagnosis.

This pathway will continue to be updated as we transition towards an increase in general practice care of the COVID-19 positive patient. Refer to the pathway for updates. See [Useful Contacts when Managing COVID-19 Positive Patients](#).

See NSW Health advice for current isolation and testing requirements for [close](#) and [casual](#) contacts.

Key links

[Caring for Adults with COVID-19 in the Community](#)

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

[ACI Risk Stratification Flow Chart](#)

[Useful Contacts when Managing COVID-19 Positive Patients in HNE LHD](#)