

JHH UPDATE #21: COVID-19 SITUATION

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Dear Staff,

Current Situation

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank everyone for their collaboration in preparing JHH to look after patients with COVID-19 and now for contributing to the careful de-escalation and recovery as JHH starts to plan a return to business as usual, knowing that we can move very rapidly back if necessary.

As you will all know Australia has done very well over the past month in reducing the transmission of novel coronavirus and the impact of COVID-19. However there are reminders internationally and locally, such as the Sydney Aged Care Facility that it remains a real and present danger.

The HNELHD has also done really well with only two new cases in the last 12 days: This is great news for everyone especially for health care workers! I am very pleased to report that there are currently no COVID positive patients admitted to JHH.

Staff Wellbeing

The weekly draw for all health care workers at JHH continues with another winner to be drawn by SUBO this afternoon.

To enter, register using this link: <https://mailchi.mp/841a74d183d9/suboathome>.



I continue to be humbled by the generosity of our community, yesterday the JHH received some generously donated Dominos pizzas from 3 members of the public Stewart, Nick and Melina (pictured left).

The pizzas were distributed throughout the hospital and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

With all donations received by the community, the JHH Executive are actively trying to ensure that we distribute these as evenly as possible across the campus.

Communication

The JHH staff information Broadcasts will continue each Wednesday at 10.30am, staff can join this information session from any PC or mobile device browser by following this link: [Join the meeting](#)



Far left: Ron Mansfield with F2 staff including NUM Alexandra Mexon

Left: HITH Nurse Jen with Ron at his home

84 year old Ron Mansfield had an emotional discharge from John Hunter Hospital last week after making a full recovery from coronavirus.

F2 staff formed a guard of honor for Ron through the corridor on Friday 24.4.2020 as he left the hospital.

Ron went into isolation on 19/3/2020 after returning from a cruise with his wife on the Ruby princess. He was admitted to ward F2 on 4/4/2020 with COVID pneumonia.

After discharge home, Ron has been under the care of the Hospital in The Home (HITH), COVID at Home team who were established to provide a district wide clinical service to manage and support COVID positive patients that do not require an acute hospital admission and can be managed safely in their own home with nursing and medical support.

On behalf of the JHH Executive, I would like extend a heartfelt thank you to the F2 and COVID HITH team and all of the staff who are involved, not only in Ron's care but for the care of all of our patients.