Hervey Bay Surgical Hospital
Coronavirus Management Plan

Hervey Bay Surgical is considered higher risk setting because there are patients more vulnerable or at higher risk of severe disease or higher risk of widespread transmission of COVID-19.

In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and to keep our patients and staff safe, Hervey Bay Surgical Hospital has implemented processors to achieve this. We also follow Queensland Government COVID-19 guidelines and directives which can be found at https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19

Patient Screening

All patients will be contacted by hospital staff the day prior to admission for surgery or clinic appointment. You will be asked a set questions in relation to COVID-19, to ensure that you meet the criteria for entry.

If you have any symptoms – of an acute respiratory infection you should notify you doctor immediately and avoid entering the hospital until:

- at least 7 days have passed since you received a positive COVID-19 test result, and
- you no longer have any symptoms.

If you are a Close contact

We request that you perform a COVID Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on the morning of your admission to hospital, and advise us of the result, if necessary another RAT will be completed at the hospital on arrival.
We request that you wear a mask on entry and in areas of where you cannot distance yourself. Your mask will be removed prior to your procedure.

Visitors

If you have any symptoms – of an acute respiratory infection you should avoid entering the hospital until:

- at least 7 days have passed since you received a positive COVID-19 test result and
- you no longer have any symptoms.

Close contact - We request that you do not enter the hospital for the **7 days** after the date of the positive COVID-19 test of your close contact.

Who is a Close contact

You are a **close contact** if:

- you **live with a person that has COVID-19** or
- you have **been with a person that has COVID-19 for more than four hours** in a house or other accommodation.

Hand Hygiene

Staff and Doctors maintain a high standard of hand hygiene to help the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and other infective agents.
Patients and visitors are also encourage to perform hand hygiene with the alcohol-based hand rub supplied on hospital and ward entry.

Environmental cleaning

Routine cleaning schedules in place and preformed to reduce the spread for COVID-19 and other infective agents.