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Lauga urges more to get Covid19 tested

The Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga has urged Rockhampton and Keppel residents to take up free testing for Covid19 to help contain the spread.

She said CQ health authorities have issued a call that the number of tests for coronavirus in our region needs to be multiplied 10-fold.

As of Tuesday May 12, a total of 138,892 tests for COVID-19 had been undertaken in Queensland, with 1,873 tests undertaken in the previous 24 hours.

Ms Lauga said Moranbah, Middlemount and Emerald have amongst the highest rates of testing in Queensland, and the Rockhampton region needs to strive for similarly high rates.

“Put simply, more people need to be tested.

“This is important in the overall containment of the coronavirus.

“Anyone with mild symptoms such as a cough, fever or other acute respiratory symptoms can get tested for free at fever clinics at Rockhampton and Yeppoon hospitals.

“If you are unwell and you meet the above criteria, you should contact a doctor immediately or present at a fever clinic.

“Before your appointment, please call ahead and tell them about your symptoms so they can prepare for your visit.”

Ms Lauga said the fever clinic tests were also free for international residents and for those who couldn't, or wouldn't, pay to be tested at a GP clinic.

She said while some restrictions will begin to be lifted in Queensland from Saturday 16 May, allowing more travel, more activities and larger gatherings,

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everyone needs to continue playing their part to protect themselves and the more vulnerable in our community.

“Please continue to follow the recommended advice from Queensland Health and our federal counterparts in regard to social distancing, public gatherings and general wellbeing.

“Critically, make sure you are practising good hygiene and stay home if you’re sick.

“Washing your hands properly and often is the gold standard of health advice that can help prevent viruses from entering your body,” said Ms Lauga.

The most up-to-date reliable information is available on the Queensland Health website at www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus

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