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Lower ED figures mean medical staff can upskill

Lower presentations to Emergency Departments at Rockhampton and Yeppoon hospitals is allowing staff the opportunity to upskill and train.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said while hospital staff are well prepared for an influx of COVID-19 patients, the social distancing measures seem to have been successful in limiting the number of cases in Central Queensland.

“These quieter periods, with fewer ED presentations, has seen staff take the opportunity to upskill and train, as well as to prepare, plan and be ready to rapidly mobilise extra resources to treat any sudden influx.”

Ms Lauga said anyone who’s sick is urged to see their family GP, and only come to hospital should they require urgent care.

“The hospital teams are up with the latest medical information and are ready to look after the community in a safe environment.”

Rockhampton Emergency Department (ED) presentations, average per day:

Feb 2019 – 138

Feb 2020 – 146

Mar 2019 – 118

Mar 2020 – 108

Apr* 2019 – 143 (*to April 28)

Apr* 2020 – 82

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