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New respiratory clinics to open on the Gold Coast

A new respiratory clinic to test patients for COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses will open in Burleigh Waters tomorrow, with additional clinics set to open in Upper Coomera, Nerang and Hope Island in the next few weeks.

The Commonwealth Government is establishing GP led clinics and Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) has been supporting this process locally on the Gold Coast.

GCPHN Board Chair, Dr Roger Halliwell, said these clinics will be in addition to existing services at Gold Coast University and Robina hospitals.

“One of the most significant strategies in the control of COVID-19 is early detection through rigorous testing to pick up any cases before this virus has an opportunity to spread and then to follow up with contact tracing,” Dr Halliwell said.

“In Australia, this strategy appears to be working and it will be more important than ever going forward, that we ensure that we pick up any localised pockets of infection.

“Gold Coast residents will now have an several options if they require testing in a safe and secure environment.”

The clinic at Burleigh Waters is being run by HMS Medical Group, who operate two general practices - Medical on Miami and Burleigh Cove Medical at Burleigh Waters.

Medical Director, Dr Mark Spanner, said the clinic will be staffed by local GPs and nurses.

“We are so proud of our team and doctors, including doctors from surrounding medical centres who have joined hands with us, to provide this to the community. It’s a group effort,” Dr Spanner said.

Dr Spanner said the clinics will assess, test and diagnose respiratory cases, including COVID-19, influenza and pneumonia and reduce pressure on public hospitals and existing general practices, while also reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 across the whole community, particularly in health care settings where there may be more vulnerable patients.

The new clinic is located at Shop 13/109 West Burleigh Road, Burleigh Waters, open Monday to Friday from 8am-5pm. Bookings are essential and anyone with respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath can call 0410 831 919 or book online through [hot doc](#) or <http://burleighcrc.com.au>

“One of our greatest aspirations is to be involved where we can make meaningful differences in supporting our community,” Heather McLellan-Johnson, Managing Director at HMS Medical “We will get through this together because we are proud Gold Coasters. That’s just how we do things.”

For details on COVID-19 testing facilities on the Gold Coast visit:
<https://gcphn.org.au/community/covid-19/covid-19-testing/>

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