# General practice respiratory clinics: winter 2022 communications pack

## Newsletter/website content

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*Target audience: health services*

### GP respiratory clinics offer face-to-face treatment, ease pressure on hospitals

Do you have patients, clients, staff, or other visitors who could benefit from face-to-face assessment for any sort of respiratory issue?

Does your service lack capacity or adequate PPE to manage patients with respiratory symptoms?

General practice respiratory clinics (GPRCs) now operate at many locations across Melbourne through partnerships between primary health networks and the Victorian and Australian Governments.

GPRCs are designed to take the pressure off hospitals by giving patients access to face-to-face assessment of respiratory symptoms (including COVID-19), testing and immediate treatment close to where they live.

Bookings are readily available – there is no waiting in line.

### Who can access a GPRC?

Anyone of any age with a respiratory issue can book an appointment at a GPRC.

A Medicare card is not essential, and the service is free. Most clinics are open after-hours and on weekends.
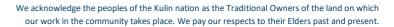
GPRCs are for people with:

- COVID-19 (call ahead)
- influenza and cold symptoms such as a cough, runny nose, sore throat or fever
- asthma
- hay fever
- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- emphysema
- pneumonia
- mild shortness of breath*.

**Please help inform staff and patients visiting your facilities of this urgent request. These resources are available to help you:**

- Posters
- Social media tiles
- Social media messages (.pdf)

Visit nwmphn.org.au/gprcs for more information including booking links, opening hours and a map of all GPRCs in metropolitan Melbourne.

*If you have severe trouble breathing, blueness around the mouth, chest pains, or pain in your arms or jaw, call triple zero (000) for urgent help.*

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