

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

COVID Preparedness

- 1. How many beds are currently prepared and dedicated to accommodating COVID patients in the Northern Territory? Where are they located?**

The NT has the necessary beds, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity, ventilators and negative pressure rooms to appropriately care for COVID positive patients with strong infection control protocols.

- 2. How many ICU beds are available for COVID patients in the Northern Territory? Where are they located?**

Alice Springs Hospital – 3 with capacity to surge to 14
Royal Darwin and Palmerston Hospital (RDPH) – 27

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- 3. How many respirators are available in the Northern Territory? Where are they located?**

Approximately 100 ventilators across its public hospitals.

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- 4. How many negative pressure rooms are available in the Northern Territory? Where are they located?**

Alice Springs Hospital: 3 with capacity to surge to 14
RDPH: 27

Gove District Hospital: 1, with two isolation rooms which have HEPA Filters.

Katherine Hospital: 4

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- 5. Please detail any emergency plans that are underway to improve capacity for additional COVID beds, both in major centres and remote communities.**

Each of the NT's five major public hospitals has detailed COVID-19 outbreak response plans, tailored to the specifics of that region and the services provided in each.

Moreover, every remote community has a Local Pandemic Plan, based on the local context, which was written by the Local Emergency Committees, overseen by the Local Controller.

The Rapid Assessment Teams and Rapid Response Teams consist of primary health care staff who are deployed to manage outbreaks in remote communities.