

Hospital Triggers

Triage Groups	Level 0 – Business as Usual	Level 1- Moderate Compromise	Level 2 – Severe Compromise	Level 3- Extreme Compromise
Emergency Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No ramping Adequate capacity in acute spaces ED occupancy <80% (RAH and TQEH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 ambulances ramped >30min Limited acute care capacity Resus x 2 capacity 6-8 unallocated admissions ED occupancy 80-95% (RAH and TQEH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 ambulances ramped >30min and/or 2 ambulance >60min ED at capacity with 9 - 12 unallocated admissions ED Occupancy 95-125% (RAH and TQEH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple ambulances ramping ED at capacity with no resus capacity >12 unallocated admissions ED occupancy >125% (RAH and TQEH)
Inpatient Units- All programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity available Discharge targets being met across the programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited immediate available capacity Identified definite discharges are below target in minimum two programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant shortfall in identified discharges across all IPU's Limited identified transfers for discharge unit Unable to place theatre list Unable to move cleared critical care patients Unable to place admitted ED patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No existing capacity available All surge beds in use Unable to place > 20 patients admitted patients in the ED Radiology and non-traditional surge spaces opening
Critical Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Available Able to place theatre patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity limited in ICU but able to accommodate bookings Cleared patients for ward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unplaced Critical care patients in the ED Booked demand unable to be accommodated Risk of theatre patients being cancelled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No critical care capacity No cleared patients Cannot accommodate theatre cases Risk to interfacility transfers ie; trauma
Theatres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity available Able to place theatre patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk to theatre and difficulty/delay in placement of cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delays in theatres commencing due to capacity issues in both IPU and critical care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to place planned surgery as a result, patients cancelled
Standby bed utilisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No surge beds open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub specialty demand higher than bed base available, beds opened 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half of surge beds opened 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All surge beds and over census beds in use All available inpatient capacity options exhausted
External demand/interfacility incoming demand and other third door areas wanting to admit (eg outpatients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to accommodate interfacility transfers IHT's able to be placed Bed request/ unplanned from clinic able to be placed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider delay in repatriating transfers Review IHT's and postpone as appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to repatriate patients Review IHT's and postpone all unless urgent/ emergency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to repatriate patients or admit IHT's Delays in unplanned admissions from clinics and outpatient areas resulting in ED presentations