



b) What is the planned maximum number of Nurses designated to work on COVID-19 wards in the event of a major COVID-19 outbreak?

There is no planned maximum number of nurses. We will redeploy nurses from the complement noted above at a), as required to maintain patient safety.

c) How many Nurses have resigned since May 5, 2021?

76

d) How many Nurses working in ICU have resigned since May 5, 2021?

5

e) What is the maximum number of COVID-19 patients ADHB believes it can reasonably admit to Auckland City Hospital?

ADHB has not carried out planning to calculate a maximum number of COVID-19 patients it could 'reasonably' admit. We're able to flex according to demand and have escalation plans in place for a surge in patients. These plans are not just based around numbers of patients requiring our care but also the acuity and complexity of their conditions.

f) What is the planned maximum number of ICU beds that is available in the event of a major COVID-19 outbreak?

There is no planned maximum number of beds. Currently the number of physical and resourced beds is:

	<b>Physical</b>	<b>Resourced</b>	<b>Mix</b>
<b>DCCM</b>	24	17	11 ICU, 6 HDU
<b>CVICU</b>	26	22	16 ICU, 6 HDU
<b>PICU</b>	22	22	16 ICU, 6 HDU

Resourced is what is budgeted and meets requirements as per College of Intensive Care Medicine standards. The actual number of beds available on any day is also influenced by vacancies and unplanned leave (e.g. sick leave).

There is an escalation plan to use all unresourced ICU beds initially. If these were all full, we would then use two of our PACUs (post-anaesthetic care units), which would provide a further 28 beds.

While this would then mean up to 78 physical adult beds, these beds would then need to be resourced. Escalation involves using non-ICU nurses to assist in the care of ICU patients. This would occur in a scenario where non-acute care was reduced or stopped. The number of beds available would depend on the number of nurses freed up to assist in ICU.

DCCM = Department of Critical Medicine  
CVICU = Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit  
PICU = Paediatric Intensive Care Unit  
HDU = High Dependency Unit

I trust this information answers your questions.

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Yours sincerely



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