

*To the congregation of Brisbane Christian Fellowship  
– from the Presbytery:*

**THIS REPLACES THE PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION, DATED WEDNESDAY 14 JULY.**

**From 6am AEST Friday 16 July:**

- restrictions for South East Queensland will continue for a further 7 days
- [face mask](#) and [gathering restrictions](#), including visitor restrictions for vulnerable person facilities ([hospitals](#), [aged care](#) and [disability centres](#)), will continue to apply across those impacted areas.

The restrictions are outlined in the [Restrictions for Impacted Areas Direction \(No. 8\)](#).

The following areas are called **impacted areas**.

- City of Brisbane
- Moreton Bay Regional Council
- City of Gold Coast
- City of Ipswich
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council
- Logan City
- Noosa Shire Council
- Redland City
- Scenic Rim Regional Council
- Somerset Regional Council
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council

## **Movement and gathering**

### ***Impacted Areas***

- If you are currently in an **impacted area** you can leave your home for any purpose. However, you must continue to wear a face mask wherever you go to within Queensland. You can travel anywhere in Australia. Please note other states and territories may have restrictions in place that prevent you from travelling to them.
- You can have 30 people gather in your home, non-residences, and outdoor settings. This number includes those who live with you.

## **Businesses and events**

### ***Impacted areas***

The following businesses and activities in the **impacted areas** must follow the below restrictions:

- All businesses must have **one person per 4 square metres** on their premises **indoors**, one person per 2 square metres outdoors, or 100 per cent capacity with ticketed and allocated seating.
- Businesses with an indoor floor space of less than 200 square metres can have one person per 2 square metres, up to 50 people at a time.
- COVID Safe Checklists for impacted areas have been developed. Where a business is operating under a COVID Safe Plan or Checklist that refers to a requirement that is different to this Direction, the business must follow the requirements outlined in this Direction.
- Restaurants and cafes must have seated eating and drinking, no standing allowed. Contact details must also be collected for takeaway customers in an impacted area.
- Wedding ceremonies are allowed 100 people and limited to 20 people dancing at any one time.
- Funerals are allowed 100 people.
- Dancing is not allowed except at weddings (for 20 guests at a time) and dance studios or dance classes.
- The capacity of outdoor stadiums and amphitheatres is 100 per cent with ticketed and allocated seating.
- The capacity of indoor concert venues and theatres is 100 per cent with ticketed and allocated seating or one person per 4 square metres.

## Face masks

If you have been in the following areas, you must carry a face mask with you at all times, unless 14 days have passed since you were last in the area:

- South East Queensland since 1am 29 June 2021; or
- Townsville City (including Magnetic Island) or Palm Island since 6pm 29 June 2021.

You must wear a face mask at all times when you are outside your home, unless:

- you are alone in your car or with the members of your household
- you are eating or drinking
- you are at your usual workplace and can physically distance from others (except if you work in a hospitality venue or are a passenger transport operator)
- you are alone outdoors or with members of your household
- it is unsafe.

There are some other [exceptions](#) to wearing face masks, including for children under 12 and people with particular medical conditions or disabilities. If in doubt, wear a face mask.

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## Restrictions for rest of Queensland

- All indoor settings: one person per 2 square metres, or 100 per cent capacity with ticketed and allocated seating
- Private gatherings indoors: limited to a maximum of 100 people
- Indoor wedding ceremonies and funerals: 1 person per 2 square metres or 200 people or 100 per cent capacity with ticketed and allocated seating (whichever is greater).

For more information about restrictions for the rest of Queensland see [Going out, travel, recreation and gathering in Queensland](#) and [Businesses, activities and undertakings](#).

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## ***Immediate implications for our gatherings under the current restrictions –***

- Due to the lateness of this notice, please contact one another, house to house, to ensure everyone has read and understood the implications of the extended restrictions, particularly as they relate to Bible School on Saturday and Communion on Sunday.

## **Communion / Agape meal (Sunday 18 July)**

- There will be no gatherings in Brisbane or the Gold Coast on Sunday 18 July.
- The Communion/Agape meal service will be via live-stream, starting at 9:30am.
  - Our Communion gatherings on Sunday 18 July are subject to the 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup> rule. The occupant density limit for the Auditorium at 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup> is 438 people, which would necessitate two services. The presbytery has decided to live-stream the Communion service on Sunday 18 July.
  - We urge you to take initiative to organise to meet together in houses on Sunday, subject to the 30 person limit, for agape fellowship over the live-stream service and a meal.
- The pre-recorded word ministry will continue to be made available on Lampstand under Communion/Apostles Fellowship or on <http://communion.bcf.org.au>

## **Announcements**

- The *Weekly Life* will be made available as a PDF on Lampstand on the Weekly Life page. Please read the *Weekly Life* notices about our upcoming planned program.

## **Prayer gatherings (Friday 16 and 23 July)**

- Prayer gatherings in homes may continue subject to the 30 person limit.
- Contact your prayer gathering host to confirm arrangements.

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### **Bible School (Saturday 17 July)**

- Bible School will be able to proceed on Saturday 17 July as scheduled, subject to the density limit of 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup>, which permits up to 438 people in the BCF Auditorium.

### **House to House gatherings (Wednesday 21 July)**

- House to House gatherings in private homes may continue, subject to the 30 person limit. Please communicate directly with the individual hosting households for specific details and arrangements.

### **Teens (Saturday 24 July onwards)**

- Subject to further advice –
  - If restrictions ease on Friday 23 July as anticipated, then all aspects of the Teens program will continue as planned. This includes the Discussion in Homes, scheduled for Saturday 24 July and the next Teens meeting scheduled for Saturday 14 August.

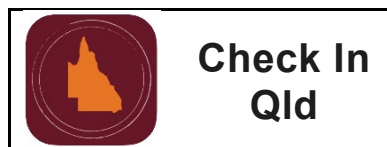
### **Young Adults (Saturday 24 July)**

- Subject to further advice –
  - If restrictions ease on Friday 23 July as anticipated, then all aspects of the Young Adults program will continue as planned. This includes the Young Adults meeting on Saturday 24 July, the Games on the Rec Field scheduled for Saturday 31 July, and the YA seminar scheduled for Saturday 7 August.

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### **Check In Qld app – now mandatory**

- The use of the [Check In Qld app](#) will be *mandatory* for weddings, funerals, and places of worship (only required if indoor) to provide increased contact tracing ability.
- Tell a door host or administration staff member immediately if you do not have a smartphone or have difficulties providing your information electronically. They will direct you to someone who can record your details for you, or they will direct you to alternative measures for recording your details.



The Check In Qld app is available from either the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

- You will be required to 'Check-in' on arrival to church each week, including during the week for work, cleaning, maintenance, administration, etc. by scanning a QR code using

your mobile phone, via the Check In Qld App.  
(<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld>)

- Note that there is no requirement to 'Check-out'. Recording a check in time for people at a venue is the most important, reliable, and key information to enable contact tracers to focus their investigation. Contract tracing is more effective when based on the check in time as opposed to a check out time, which is more likely to be recorded inaccurately, or not at all, due to the difficulties involved in policing departures and ensuring people remember to check out at the precise time of their departure.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will communicate further if there are any updates from the Queensland Government which impact further upon our gatherings.

For your reference, details about the eased restrictions and other relevant information applicable to all of Queensland are available on the Queensland Government website via the following links:

- [https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions#\\_16-jul](https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions#_16-jul)
- [https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0028/178192/DPC7811-COVID-19-Restrictions-roadmap.pdf](https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0028/178192/DPC7811-COVID-19-Restrictions-roadmap.pdf)



Whilst not mandatory, the Government also encourages everyone to download the COVIDSafe app, which is available from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). For detailed questions and answers about this app, see the [COVIDSafe app](#).

On behalf of the Presbytery and BCF,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Hamilton'.

Bruce Hamilton.

*At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Victor Hall received advice with respect to interfacing with the relevant authorities in matters pertaining to COVID restrictions. In his capacity as overseer, in relation to the presbytery, and as president of Brisbane Christian Fellowship Inc. (BCF), in relation to the executive of the management committee, he asked Bruce Hamilton to be the point of contact with the Queensland Government, on behalf of the presbytery and BCF.*

## Community responsibilities

We all have a part to play in keeping ourselves and others safe, and to support businesses to operate safely.



I can



Businesses can

### Keep well



- Stay home if I'm sick
- Get tested if I have [COVID-19 symptoms](#)

- Support working from home
- Send anyone unwell home

### Keep your space



- Physically distance where possible
- Come back later if it's busy

- Allow 1 person per 2 square metres for indoor areas
- Encourage physical distancing where possible

### Keep clean



- Clean hands often with soap or sanitiser
- Cover coughs and sneezes

- Clean all surfaces often and well
- Provide hand sanitiser

### Keep in contact



- Give contact details at venues in case we need to contact you
- Use the [Check In Qld app](#) (unless an exception applies)
- Download the [Check In Qld app](#)
- Download the [COVIDSafe app](#)

- Use the [Check In Qld app](#) (unless an exception applies)
- Keep customer information safe for 30 days then dispose securely
- Provide customer information to a public health officer if requested

For full details read the [Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction \(No.21\)](#).

## The 'New NORMAL'



**Maintain physical distancing (1.5m)**



**Wear a mask when distancing is not possible (or required under Health Directions)**



**Maintain good hand hygiene**



**Stay at home when sick**



**Check In Qld app for effective contact tracing**



**Rapidly responding to outbreaks**



**Travel restrictions from hot spots**



**COVID Safe Checklist in place**



**Get vaccinated**