

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

***\*\* Note: a PDF of this update is also available on Lampstand under the Weekly Life page \*\****

## **SECTION 1 – OVERVIEW/SUMMARY OF UPDATED GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS**

### **Easing of restrictions in South East Queensland**

From 4pm AEST Friday 27 August, the recently affected 11 Local Government Areas in South East Queensland will ease to [stage 3 restrictions](#) of the *Queensland COVID-19-Restrictions-roadmap* to join the rest of Queensland with the exception of mask wearing.

[Mask wearing requirements](#) will continue to apply in these LGAs until 4pm AEST Friday 10 September 2021.

### **South East Queensland**

Local Government Areas:

- Brisbane
- Gold Coast
- Ipswich
- Lockyer Valley
- Logan
- Noosa
- Moreton Bay
- Redland
- Scenic Rim
- Somerset
- Sunshine Coast.

Restrictions for the South East Queensland Local Government Areas and the rest of Queensland will include:

- Up to 100 people in your home, including people who live there
- There are no density restrictions for businesses that operate only outdoors.
- All indoor settings can have up to one person per two square metres or 100 per cent capacity with seated, ticket allocations.

### **Mask requirements**

- You must carry a mask with you at all times when you leave home unless you have a lawful reason not to.
- **Indoors** You must wear a mask in indoor spaces (including workplaces, but not in homes) unless it is unsafe, or you can stay 1.5 metres apart from other people in your workplace only.
- **Outdoors** You must wear a mask when unable to stay 1.5 metres apart from other people who are not part of your household.
- **Schools** Masks must be worn by teachers and staff (all schools), plus students in high school.

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Further detail can be found via the following link: [Roadmap to easing restrictions](#).

## SECTION 2 – IMMEDIATE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR GATHERINGS

### Communion / Agape meal (*Sunday 29 August*)

- There will be Communion/Agape meal services in Brisbane and the Gold Coast on Sunday 29 August, starting at 9:30am.
- Masks are required indoors.
- In Brisbane, the congregation is asked to use the new Seat Booking System for the Auditorium. Instructions can be found on Lampstand under the Weekly Life page in the PDF, *BCF Seat Booking System for the Auditorium*.
- **BYO morning tea (outdoors)**
  - Please come prepared to participate in a BYO morning tea as part of our agape meal fellowship.
  - Observe the requirements relating to physical distancing and face masks.
- **Agape Fellowship (in homes)**
  - In addition to fellowship over morning tea on the Samford premises, everyone is exhorted to continue to fellowship over an agape meal in homes. Please take initiative to organise this for yourself and your household.
  - Our priority is to continue *steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*. Act 2:42. As we meet in this way, we are giving ourselves to reclaim our Sundays from all other initiatives, so that we may fellowship in one accord, praising God and eating our food with gladness and simplicity of heart. Act 2:46-47. Eph 5:15-16.
- This time of agape fellowship will include elements of prayer, testimony, and fellowship in the Word. You may also choose to take the opportunity together, to watch the pre-recorded *Presbytery Fellowship Word* ministry, which is available via Lampstand under the *Communion / Presbytery Word* page 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.

### **House to House gatherings (Wednesday 1 September)**

- According to the invitation by specific firstfruits households for house-to-house agape fellowship in their homes on Wednesdays, these fellowship gatherings may continue in line with the current restrictions. Please communicate directly with the individual hosting households for specific details and arrangements.

### **Prayer Meetings (Friday 3 September)**

- According to the invitation by specific firstfruits households to gather to their homes for prayer, usually from 6am to 7am each Friday, prayer gatherings may continue on Friday 3 September, in line with the current restrictions:
- Connection via Zoom or other video conferencing facilities remains an option.
- Please communicate directly with the individual hosting households for specific details and arrangements.

### **Young Adults Seminar (Saturday 4 September)**

- The Young Adults Seminar scheduled for Saturday 4 September in the BCF Chapel will proceed, in line with the current restrictions.
- 'Check-in' on arrival via the Check In Qld App.

### **Check In Qld app – mandatory**

- The use of the [Check In Qld app](#) is *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 are 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>)

# COVID-19 update

Friday 27 August 2021

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- 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.

On behalf of the Presbytery and BCF,



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.*

## SECTION 3 – ROADMAP TO EASING RESTRICTIONS

[Stage 2 of Queensland's COVID Safe Future roadmap.](#)

**COVID Safe Check Point**

### STAGE 2

Further easing of restrictions\*

**COVID Safe Check Point**

**From 4pm Friday 20 August 2021 until 4pm Friday 27 August 2021**

**Affected Local Government Areas:** Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan City, Moreton Bay, Redlands, Gold Coast, Somerset, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim, Sunshine Coast and Noosa

**MOVEMENT AND GATHERINGS\*\***

- › Up to 30 people in homes (including those who live there) and public spaces.

**Weddings:** Up to 100 people. Max. 20 people can dance.

**Funerals:** Up to 100 people.

**Businesses and venues:** (including places of worship, convention centres, retail, dining, gyms, hairdressers, beauty and personal care services etc.) Allowed to operate with the following restrictions:

- › Indoor – 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup> or 75% capacity with ticketed and allocated seating
- › Smaller venues up to 200m<sup>2</sup> – 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup>, up to a maximum of 50
- › Outdoor – 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup>
- › Eating and drinking must be seated
- › No dancing except at weddings.

**STADIUMS AND INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EVENTS**

- › 75% allocated seated and ticketed for stadiums
- › Patrons must wear a mask at all times, including when seated.
- › Patrons must be seated to eat and drink. Masks can be removed when eating or drinking.
- › 75% allocated seated and ticketed capacity for indoor events and outdoor events or 1 per 4m<sup>2</sup> indoors and 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> outdoors.

**Community sport:** Can recommence in full including training, competition and school sport, spectators in line with stadiums and indoor and outdoor event requirements.

**MASKS**

You must carry a face mask with you at all times when you leave home, unless you have a lawful reason not to.

**Public Transport and ride share:** must wear a mask including while waiting for the transport in a public space such as a bus stop, taxi rank or train station.

**Outdoors:** you must wear a mask when unable to stay 1.5m apart from people who are not part of your household.

**Indoors:** you must wear a mask in indoor spaces (including workplaces, but not your own home) unless it is unsafe or you can stay 1.5m apart from other people.

**Schools:** Masks must be worn by teachers and staff (all schools), plus students in high school.

Masks must be worn when at stadiums, at an airport, and on a domestic or international flight departing or arriving in Queensland.

[Stage 3 of Queensland's COVID Safe Future roadmap.](#)

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## STAGE 3

Rest of Queensland

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**MOVEMENT AND GATHERINGS\*\***

- › Up to 100 people can gather in homes.  
No limit for people gathering in public spaces.

**Indoor funerals and wedding ceremonies:**  
One person per 2m<sup>2</sup> or 200 people or 100% allocated seated and ticketed capacity (whichever is the greater).

- › All wedding guests can dance (indoors and outdoors) subject to the one person per 2m<sup>2</sup> rule.

**Indoor premises:** One person per 2m<sup>2</sup> or 100% allocated seated and ticketed capacity (e.g. restaurants, cafés, pubs, clubs, museums, art galleries, places of worship and convention centres) with the COVID Safe Checklist.

- › One person per 2m<sup>2</sup> for short-term accommodation (including hostels, B&Bs and short-term rentals) with the COVID Safe Checklist. Density requirements do not apply in sleeping areas.
- › One person per 2m<sup>2</sup> at indoor play areas with the COVID Safe Checklist.

**Self-service food:** No restrictions.

**STADIUMS AND INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EVENTS**

- › 100% allocated seated and ticketed for stadiums
  - › Patrons must wear a mask at all times, including when seated.
  - › Patrons must be seated to eat and drink. Masks can be removed when eating or drinking.
- › 100% allocated seated and ticketed capacity for indoor events or 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> indoors.
- › No restrictions on outdoor events, however you are encouraged to wear a mask when you are unable to physically distance.

**Ticketed venues:** 100% capacity with allocated seating (e.g. theatre, live music, cinemas, indoor sports, universities and other higher education institutions).

**Community sport:** No restrictions.

**MASKS**

Masks must be worn when at stadiums, at an airport, and on a domestic or international flight departing or arriving in Queensland. Everyone is encouraged to carry and wear a mask when physically distancing is not possible.