
***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 Queensland restrictions

From Thursday 11 November 2021, the 11 local government areas in South East Queensland are no longer considered impacted areas. There are currently no impacted areas in Queensland.

This means that all of Queensland has the same restrictions – Stage 3 restrictions.

Stage 3 restrictions include:

Movement and gatherings

- 100% allocated seated and ticketed capacity for indoor events or 1 person per 2 square metres indoors.
- Eating or drinking while standing is allowed.
- Up to 100 people can gather in homes.
- **Self-service food:** No restrictions.

Masks

- Everyone is encouraged to carry and wear a mask when physically distancing is not possible.
- Masks must be worn when at an airport, and on a domestic or international flight departing or arriving in Queensland. [Mandatory Face Masks Direction No. 2](#)

SECTION 2

– IMMEDIATE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR GATHERINGS

Communion / Agape meal (*Sunday 14 November onwards*)

- The Communion/Agape meal services in Brisbane and the Gold Coast will continue as scheduled.
- You are not required to wear a face mask.
- In Brisbane, until further notice the congregation is asked to continue to use the 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.***
- 'Check-in' on arrival via the Check In Qld App is required.

COVID-19 update

Friday 12 November 2021

- **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.
- **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 in hardcopy at the doors of the Auditorium and as a PDF on Lampstand on the Weekly Life page. Please read the Weekly Life notices about our upcoming planned program.

Teens Breakup Meeting and Dinner (Saturday 13 November)

- The Teens Meeting and dinner scheduled for Saturday 13 November in the BCF Conference Centre will proceed, in line with the current restrictions.
- You are not required to wear a face mask.
- 'Check-in' on arrival via the Check In Qld App is required

Young Adults Discussion Groups (Saturday 13 November)

- The Young Adults Discussion Groups in homes scheduled for Saturday 13 November will proceed, in line with the current restrictions.

House to House gatherings (Wednesday 13 November onwards)

- 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 12 November onwards)

- 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 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.

Bible School (Saturday 20 November)

- The Saturday Bible School session in the BCF Auditorium will continue as scheduled, commencing at 4:00pm.
- You are not required to wear a face mask.
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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](#).

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- 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>)
- 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.
- There is a shortcut option in the App which means that you can check in without scanning the QR code.



To use this feature, click on the symbol in the top-right of the App screen and then select Brisbane Christian Fellowship from the 'Quick Check In' list.

For your reference, details about the eased restrictions and other relevant information applicable to all of Queensland are available on the Queensland Government website – <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions>.

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.

Stage 3 (reviewed fortnightly)
All of Queensland

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 2m² or 200 people or 100% allocated seated and ticketed capacity (whichever is the greater).
- **Indoor premises:** One person per 2m² 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](#).
 - Eating or drinking while standing allowed.
 - One person per 2m² 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 2m² 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
- 100% allocated seated and ticketed capacity for indoor events or 1 person per 2m² 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).
- **Dancing:** can occur anywhere at any venue (indoor and outdoor) without masks, subject to the one person per 2m² rule.
- **Community sport:** No restrictions.

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