

*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

Updated Queensland restrictions

1. **From 1am Sunday 2 January 2022, face mask requirements** across Queensland will **include all indoor settings** *except for in the home and where it's unsafe to wear a mask.*
You are not required to wear a mask outdoors.
2. From 9.55am 24 December 2021, the public health and social measures were updated to clarify requirements for religious services:
 - Indoor spaces – occupant density limit applies – no more than:
 - 1 person per 2 square metres for areas open to or used by visitors: or
 - 100 per cent of seated venue capacity with ticketed and allocated seating.
 - Outdoor – occupant density limit does not apply.

SECTION 2

– IMMEDIATE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR GATHERINGS

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is NOT required for entry to church

Communion / Agape meal (Sunday 2 January onwards)

- You are required to wear a face mask indoors.
 - **Please bring a mask and wear it at all times indoors for the Communion/Agape meal services in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.**
- 'Check-in' on arrival via the Check In Qld App is required.
- Occupant density is restricted to 1 person per 2m², which permits up to 876 people in the Auditorium. Choir and orchestra rosters have been adjusted accordingly.
- Now that the occupant density limit has been increased to 100% capacity for ticketed and allocated seating, please wait for further communication to be advised when the Brisbane congregation will be asked to, again, use the 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.
 - Face masks are not currently required outdoors.
 - 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 online only on Sunday 2 January, and will, on subsequent Sundays, also be 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.

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.

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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>)
- 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,

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.

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For more information, follow the links below:

- [Face mask requirements](#)
- [Public Health and Social Measures](#)
- [Mandatory Face Masks Direction \(No. 2\)](#)
- [Public Health Face Mask Requirements Direction \(No. 3\)](#)
- [How to use face masks](#)