

Urgent COVID-19 update

Saturday, 22 August 2020

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

In response to recent positive COVID-19 cases, a range of measures have been put in place by the Queensland Government, as of today – Saturday, 22 August 2020.

All of the preparations, plans and procedures for our Communion gatherings at Samford, commencing from Sunday, 23 August, are in full compliance with *the COVID Safe Industry Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland – Stage 3*.

Under the new measures announced today, Brisbane Christian Fellowship is able to continue to meet at our Samford property, for now, on the condition that it continues to comply with *the COVID Safe Industry Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland – Stage 3*.

We have contacted the Queensland Government through the Office of the Hon Steven Miles, Deputy Premier | Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services and confirmed this directly with them. Following verbal advice from a spokesperson for the Queensland Government, we are now communicating that advice to you. The advice was received this morning, Saturday, 22 August.

It was emphasised that we must be extra vigilant in all of our procedures, distancing and hygiene standards, especially where there may be anyone who has been on the South side of Brisbane or in the specific areas where the recent COVID-19 cases have been detected.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will communicate further with you as may be required.

For your information, on the following page, we have included some extracts from the Government update.

We also continue to remind you of the Queensland Government Health advice –

To prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you are sick
- If you have any [COVID-19 symptoms](#), no matter how mild, [get tested](#)
- Stay 1.5 metres away from other people—think two big steps
- Wash your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser
- Leave a location if it is crowded.

If you have any concerns about your health, contact your doctor or contact [13 HEALTH \(13 43 25 84\)](#).

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Link to update:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/urgent-covid-19-update>

Businesses, activities and undertakings

If your business is operating under a COVID Safe plan, you are not affected by the latest restrictions announced on 22 August 2020 for the Greater Brisbane and Ipswich areas. This includes businesses operating under a COVID Safe Industry Plan, a COVID Safe checklist, COVID Safe Site Specific Plan or COVID Safe Event Plan.

You are reminded to ensure that your staff and customers observe social distancing, ensure customer details are retained, and ensure that any staff or customers who are showing any symptoms do not enter your premises.

Changes for residents in restricted areas

- [Gatherings in private homes and public spaces](#) will be restricted to a maximum of 10 people. These limits do not apply to businesses operating under a COVID Safe plan.
- [Residential aged care](#) and [disability accommodation facilities](#) have restrictions on visitors and residents leaving the facility
- Hospitals have been asked to [restrict visitors](#) as soon as possible
- Hospital emergency departments, aged care facilities and disability accommodation facilities will use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including face masks and gloves to treat all patients and residents.

The following Local Government Areas (LGAs) have been listed as restricted areas:

- Brisbane City Local Government Area
- Ipswich City Local Government Area
- Logan City Local Government Area
- Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area
- Somerset Region Local Government Area
- Lockyer Valley Local Government Area
- Moreton Bay Local Government Area
- Redland City Local Government Area