

*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 Queensland**

From 6pm AEST Friday 4 March 2022 restrictions have eased for face masks and other public health and social measures.

- **Venues and events no longer have density limits.**
- There is no limit on the number of visitors you can have in your home at one time.
- **Masks are no longer required indoors,** except in healthcare settings, residential aged care, disability accommodation, prisons, public transport, airports and on planes.
- Masks are no longer required in schools, including for staff, students and visitors.
- Masks are still recommended whenever you can't physically distance.
- Face masks are required outside of your home or accommodation if you have a temperature equal to or higher than 37.5 degrees, or if you have COVID-19 symptoms, or if you're awaiting a COVID-19 PCR test result
- Face masks are required if you're diagnosed with COVID-19, are a close contact, or are an international traveller (in accordance with other public health directions).
- **For more specific details, follow the links below:**
  - Public health and social measures
    - <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/public-health-social-measures>
    - [Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status Direction \(No. 4\)](#)
  - Face Masks
    - <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/mandatory-masks>
    - [Public Health Face Mask Requirements Direction \(No. 5\)](#)

## SECTION 2 – IMMEDIATE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR GATHERINGS

- Masks are no longer required
- Occupant Density Limits no longer apply
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is NOT required for entry to church

### **Communion / Agape meal (Sunday 6 March onwards)**

- You are not required to wear a face mask.
- You no longer have to book a seat.
- Please feel free to sit in any available seat.
- Choir and Orchestra will come down from the stage for the word session.
  - The removal of occupant density limits allows us to use up to 100% of our seated capacity. Therefore, we will no longer be using 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.
  - To the extent possible, please continue to observe physical distancing recommendations.
- **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 is 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.

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**ALL other meetings at Samford (from Saturday 5 March onwards)**

- You are not required to wear a face mask.
- Please feel free to sit in any available seat.
- The removal of occupant density limits allows us to freely, and fully, use:
  - the Conference Centre Courtyard and Dining Room, Classrooms, Meeting rooms, and Offices.
  - up to 100% of our venue seating capacities, which includes the Auditorium and Chapel.

For further 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>

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.*