



Director-General's UPDATE

29 March 2021

Dear foster and kinship carers,

You will likely have seen or heard the news this morning where the Premier announced the Greater Brisbane region will enter a three-day lockdown later today to stop the spread of COVID-19 following further cases of community transmission in the last few days.

In summary, from 5pm this afternoon, people in the local government areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Redlands and Logan will be required to stay at home except for essential purposes; to buy groceries or medicine, to look after the vulnerable, exercise in their neighbourhood and to attend work if you cannot work from home.

You can find the Premier's media statements [here](#) and the latest advice including from Queensland Health about the lockdown [here](#).

Schools

Schools in these areas will also be closed from tomorrow but will remain open for vulnerable children and children of essential workers. If your work commitments allow, please consider keeping the children home and where possible, also avoid childcare during the lockdown. As individual schools arrangements may vary, please contact your local school if you require more specific information.

Wearing of masks

Just like the January lockdown, masks are essential and will need to be worn everywhere in Queensland except when you are in your homes.

However, visitors to your homes will need to wear a mask. This means that if parents or carers are visiting each other's homes for contact arrangements, then the visitor coming into the household needs to wear a mask, not the residents.

Masks must be worn when leaving home, including using ride share, public transport and at indoor venues, including the workplace.

Family contact

At this stage, these restrictions are in place for a short time and many arrangements, including family contact, can continue to take place, where it's safe to do so.

Keep informed

We will continue to provide information on COVID-19 so you are supported during this time. We will do this through our:

- Peak bodies — PeakCare, Queensland Foster and Kinship Care, CREATE Foundation and the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak (QATSIPP)
- Foster and kinship care service providers
- [Department website](#)
- [Carer Connect app](#)



- [Child and Family Queensland Facebook](#) page

It's important that you continue to follow health advice to stay safe and well. For up-to-date Queensland COVID-19 information, please visit the [Queensland Health website](#).

If you suspect you have come into contact with COVID-19, I encourage you to get tested. You should also contact your child safety officer and follow all [Queensland Health advice](#).

If you have any questions and need to talk to your child safety officer, please email them in the first instance. Alternatively, you can call your child safety service centre or contact the Foster and Kinship Carer Support Line on 1300 729 309.

And, as always, please take care of yourself, your family and friends, and stay safe.

Warm regards

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