



# Director-General's UPDATE

Dear foster and kinship carers

As you may have heard, the Premier has announced that the current lockdown in the Greater Brisbane region has been lifted from 12noon today.

For those living in the affected areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Redlands and Logan, this is welcome news with the Easter break just around the corner.

However, it's important that we continue to follow the health advice to stay safe and well. You'll find the latest information on the [Queensland Health website](#).

## **Wearing of masks until 12noon Thursday 15 April**

While lockdown in the greater Brisbane area has lifted, you must still in all areas of Queensland, carry a face mask with you at all times when you leave home, unless there is a lawful reason not to. Please refer to the [Queensland Health advice](#).

It is strongly recommended that you wear a mask when outdoors if you are unable to stay more than 1.5 metres distance from other people. Masks must be worn in indoor spaces. This means that visitors to your homes will need to wear a mask. If parents or carers are visiting each other's homes for family contact arrangements, then the visitor coming into the household must wear a mask, not the residents.

Masks do not need to be worn in some circumstances, including children under 12 years, if you have certain medical conditions and in workplaces where it is safe to do so.

## **Keep informed**

We encourage you to keep following the news over the holiday weekend and check the [Queensland Health website](#) and follow Queensland Health on social media. We will also keep you updated with the most accurate information on COVID-19 if the situation changes, so you are supported during this time.

We will do this through:

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

If you suspect you have come into contact with COVID-19, or if you have been to any of the contact tracing sites nominated by Queensland Health, please go and get tested. You should also contact your child safety officer and follow [Queensland Health advice](#).



If you have any questions, please email your child safety officer in the first instance. Alternatively, you can call the Foster and Kinship Carer Support Line on 1300 729 309.

Lastly, there will be a lot of traffic on the roads over Easter, so if you are travelling to visit your loved ones, please take care and drive safely.

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

Warm regards,

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