



Director-General's UPDATE

29 June 2021

Dear foster and kinship carers

The Premier announced this morning that parts of Queensland will enter a three-day lockdown from 6 pm tonight (29 June) to halt the spread of COVID-19 and keep Queenslanders safe.

The lockdown will apply to the local government areas of Townsville, Palm Island, Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan, Moreton Bay, Redlands, Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Somerset, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Gold Coast.

As in previous lockdowns, you should only leave home for essential purposes, that is, to buy groceries or medicine, to look after the vulnerable, exercise in your neighbourhood, and to attend work if you cannot work from home. For more information and full details of the lockdown and restrictions visit the [Queensland Health website](#).

Wearing of masks

As in previous lockdowns, you must carry a mask with you when leaving home.

It is not mandatory to wear a mask in your home or car, however, visitors to your homes will need to wear a mask. Please be sure to regularly consult the [Queensland Health website](#) to ensure you are following the latest advice.

Family contact

With the lockdown restrictions in place, and the instruction that you can only have two visitors to your residence, family contact may be impacted.

Should there be existing family contact arrangements in place during the lockdown period, please contact your Child Safety Officer for further information.

Keep informed

We will continue to provide information on COVID-19 through:

- 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.

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

Warm regards

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