



Director-General's UPDATE

Dear foster and kinship carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing break with your family and friends.

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 from 6pm tonight to stop the spread of the highly contagious UK strain of COVID-19 following a positive case this week.

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

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.

While childcare will remain open on Monday, we do understand that all household circumstances are different. If your work commitments allow, please consider children remaining home and avoid the need for childcare on Monday.

Wearing of masks

I wanted to highlight a key difference to our previous lockdown experience in that masks are essential and will need to be worn everywhere in the local government areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Redlands and Logan 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.

Keep informed

We will be providing the most accurate information on COVID-19 as quickly as possible, 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 (QATSIPP)
- Foster and kinship care service providers
- Our [department website](#)
- [Carer Connect app](#)
- Our [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, please contact your child safety officer immediately and follow the [Queensland Health advice](#).



If you have questions and need to talk to your child safety officer, please email them in the first instance, call your child safety service centre or contact the Foster and Kinship 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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