

COVID-19 information for parents and carers

We are working closely with Queensland Health to limit the effect of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on youth detention centres (YDCs). Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of young people, staff and the community. We have strategies in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, including:

- COVID-19 health checks and vaccinations for young people
- increased cleaning and sanitisation
- increased use of hand sanitisers and protective equipment
- extra staff training.

These strategies are reviewed daily. We encourage you to contact your child's caseworker if you have any concerns.

Visiting a youth detention centre

It is important that young people continue to connect with their families, friends, legal contacts and service providers while in a YDC.

Staff will work with you to ensure you can stay in contact with young people.

Vaccination requirements

The Government has implemented [new restrictions](#), which means unvaccinated people are not able to visit YDCs. These changes will **start on 17 December 2021**.

When you enter a YDC, you must provide proof you are fully vaccinated. A person is considered fully vaccinated when they have had two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

There are three different types of proof available that you can get for free:

- a COVID-19 digital certificate
- your immunisation history statement (IHS)
- an International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate for overseas travel.

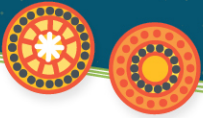
More information on proof of vaccination is available at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au.

The COVID-19 Digital Certificate or HIS can be viewed and printed through:

- Medicare Online via MyGov – www.my.gov.au
- Express Plus Medicare mobile app
- My Health Record – www.digitalhealth.gov.au/mhr-proof-of-vaccinations.

YDC staff will work with unvaccinated individuals and other visitors to facilitate non-contact video link and phone visits with young people as required.

Visitors under the age of 16 are not required to be vaccinated to enter. There are a small number of people who have genuine medical reasons for not being vaccinated. You will need to be able to show proof of your exemption from vaccination on genuine medical grounds. We are doing further work on how this will operate.



Additional screening

In addition to relevant vaccination requirements, everyone who comes to a YDC must have a COVID-19 screening before they enter.

People will not be allowed to enter the centre if they have:

- returned/arrived from overseas in the past 14 days
- been to any of the [declared COVID-19 hotspots](#) in the past 14 days (you can also find these by searching “COVID-19 hotspots” on www.qld.gov.au)
- had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- a fever or symptoms of acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, sore throat, runny nose or shortness of breath)
- a temperature of over 37.5 degrees (checked before entry).

All visitors must check in using the Check In QLD app.

These safety measures are in place to keep everyone safe.

During your visit

You must:

- ensure you keep 1.5 metres apart during your visit and use allocated seating
- adhere to the visible floor directions
- minimise risk of contagion by not having physical contact (e.g. hand shaking or hugging).

Approved items may be brought into the visit as per the usual visit processes, however the sharing of food or other items with young people will continue to be done in a COVID safe way.

Health services for your child

All young people have access to health services while they are at a YDC. Eligible young people have access to COVID-19 vaccines as part of the onsite vaccination program led by Queensland Health. Young people can talk to nurses and doctors at the centre if they have concerns about their health.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Please contact the relevant YDC if you need more information.



Stay home if you are sick



Wash your hands regularly



Cover your coughs and sneezes



Keep 1.5 metres away from others



Avoid touching your face



Get tested if you have symptoms