



COVID-19 Update

Tuesday 15 September 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

- A service acknowledging the end of term of our current Moderator, Rev David Baker, will be held tomorrow (Wednesday 16 September 2020) at 4.30pm. This will be live streamed from the [Synod website](#).
- Face-to-face gatherings are permitted, however, congregations in restricted areas should read current health advice when planning to gather physically.
- If you become aware a member of your congregation is unwell, urge them to get COVID-19 tested, no matter how mild their [symptoms](#).
- Thank you for your continued work towards the ministry of the Queensland Synod during this time.

Service of Worship for Rev David Baker

A service acknowledging the end of term of our current Moderator, Rev David Baker, will be held tomorrow (Wednesday 16 September 2020) at 4.30pm. COVID-19 restrictions limit the number of people who can attend, however members of the church are invited to the live stream of the service on the [Synod website](#).

COVID-19 in Queensland

The number of cases in Queensland remains low, however we must continue to remain vigilant and use physical distancing and good hygiene in order to reduce the spread of the virus. This is particularly important as we approach school holidays.

The Government has updated the [Aged Care Direction](#). The update relates to who can enter facilities, staff requirements and personal protective equipment.

For face-to-face services:

- There is no change to advice.
- Any gathering in a restricted area (includes most of south-east Queensland) can continue as long as there is a COVID-19 plan in place, consistent with the [Public Health Direction](#) or the [COVID Safe Industry Plan for Places of Worship](#).
- Ongoing vigilance with cleaning, personal hygiene, and physical distancing is required. This makes a difference in reducing spread of the virus and protecting our congregations, communities and each other.
- Anyone showing any signs of illness, no matter how mild, should be provided with a face mask and requested to leave and seek COVID-19 testing.

Church members are encouraged to review Queensland Health [contact tracing list of locations daily](#).

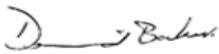
JobKeeper

After changes made by the Australian Taxation Office, the JobKeeper fact sheet has been updated and is available on the [Synod coronavirus website](#).

The position of the Synod office around JobKeeper has not changed. Congregations should assume they will **not** be eligible for JobKeeper after September 2020. As soon as advice regarding this is clear, it will be communicated through a COVID-19 update.

The next COVID-19 update is planned for Tuesday 22 September 2020. Should you have any questions about this update or COVID-19, please email COVID19@ucaql.com.au.

Thank you,



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