



COVID-19 Update

Tuesday 8 September 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

- Face-to-face gatherings are still 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.

COVID-19 in Queensland

COVID-19 remains in our communities and while the number of cases is low, we must continue to remain vigilant and use physical distancing and good hygiene in order to reduce spread of the virus.

The [Border Restriction Public Health Direction](#) and [Movement and Gathering Public Health Direction](#) have been updated in the past week.

For face-to-face services:

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

To show just how transmissible COVID-19 is, 35 people who recently tested positive were traced back to a single person with the virus who went to a workplace.

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

Contact tracing registers

It is vital your contact tracing registers are accurate and are available if requested by public health officers. Information collected in this register is for COVID-19 contact tracing purposes only. To collect/use this personal information for congregational purposes, additional consent from the person is needed and they must opt-in to having their information retained for congregational use. Collection of any information needs to be in accordance with the [Synod Privacy Policy](#).

Service of Worship for Rev David Baker

A service acknowledging the end of term of our current Moderator, Rev David Baker, will be held on 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 livestream of the service, which will be available on the [Synod website](#).

The next COVID-19 update is planned for Tuesday 15 September 2020. Should you have any questions about this update or COVID-19, please email COVID19@ucaqld.com.au.

Thank you,



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