



## COVID-19 Update

Tuesday 10 November 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

Given the year that 2020 has been, our communities will be looking forward to the opportunity to celebrate our hope in the coming of the King. Advent is almost upon us and we know you will be preparing for your Christmas services. While you do, please consider what adjustments you need to make to your regular events in order to make them COVID safe.

As a reminder, it is recommended that all events have a separate COVID event plan in place.

If you anticipate up to 500 people per day attending an indoor event or 1000 per day for an outdoor event, a [COVID Safe Checklist](#) must be completed, in addition to the [Safety Management Plan](#) for the event. If you anticipate more than these numbers, additional requirements are to be met. Refer to the Synod COVID-19 [Safety Management Plan for church events](#) for guidance.

If you have any questions or require guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the Synod COVID team via email at [COVID19@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:COVID19@ucaqld.com.au).

### Visiting other congregations

Some may have visited or spoken to others from different congregations or denominations and learned of different ways of doing things within a COVID Safe environment. We encourage this as we are all on this learning expedition together. The Synod COVID team is here to assist and guide you. If you hear or see anything that raises doubts about the practices you have implemented within your congregation or is of concern to you, please email the team at [COVID19@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:COVID19@ucaqld.com.au).

### Warden briefings

The COVID Warden briefings continue each Wednesday at 11am. They are very well attended and lots of information is shared. If you require a link to this voluntary meeting, please email [COVID19@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:COVID19@ucaqld.com.au). If you have not notified us of the name and contact details of your COVID Warden, please email them to [COVID19@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:COVID19@ucaqld.com.au).

### Our role as Queenslanders

We all have a part to play in preventing an increase in COVID-19 cases in Queensland. We must always remember to:

- Maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Maintain good hand hygiene (washing hands or using alcohol-based sanitiser).
- Maintain good respiratory hygiene (coughing or sneezing into elbow).
- Maintain tracking, tracing and rapid response (keeping contact details for 56 days for each service and ensuring it is readily available if requested).
- Frequently clean and disinfect our spaces.

Our next COVID-19 update is planned for Tuesday 17 November 2020. Your questions or feedback about this update or COVID-19 are welcome—please email [COVID19@ucaqlld.com.au](mailto:COVID19@ucaqlld.com.au).

Our sincere thanks for your ongoing work and support as we navigate our way through this time.

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Moderator  
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