

Safe Ministry

Safe People, Safe Places, Safe Programs

COVID-19 - Church Operations

Urgent Update: 29th March 2021

Preamble

The Anglican Church Central Queensland (ACCQ) remains committed to the health and safety of all staff, parishioners and the broader community. This update is in response to the Government announcement of new restrictions which take effect from 5pm Monday 29th of March 2021 for an initial three day period, or until notified by the Government. This update supplements previous advice from the Diocese and replaces previous advice where any conflict occurs.

Wearing of Masks.

Government advice for the Central Queensland region:

- All Queenslanders are required to carry a mask with them when they leave the house.
- Masks must be worn in public indoor environments where social distancing can not be guaranteed (such as supermarkets, shops and churches).
- Masks must be worn in Church services. Singing is allowed, but masks must still be worn.
- Masks should be worn in church related gatherings even when held in a private residence.
- Children under the age of 12 and those with medical grounds are exempt from wearing masks.
- Masks may be removed whilst eating or drinking.

Planned activities

Government advice for the Central Queensland region:

- Reconsider all non-essential activities.
- All Hygiene, Cleaning and Contract Tracing requirements must be followed.

Weddings and Funerals

Government advice for the Central Queensland region:

- Attendance numbers at Weddings and Funerals are not impacted.
 - Weddings: Maximum 200 people. Attendance numbers are to be limited to space of the venue at 1 person per 2sqm.
 - Funerals: Maximum 200 people. Funeral attendance numbers have been updated in line with other activities and gatherings and are to be limited to space of the venue at 1 person per 2sqm.
- Masks must be worn at Weddings and Funerals during the notice period.

Easter & Anzac Day:

Government advice for Central Queensland is that, at this point, that all Easter Services can continue without interruption. Should this advice change, all Ministers and Wardens will be notified as quickly as possible.

Travel:

Individuals may transit through Brisbane airport without being considered as having been 'in Brisbane'; leaving the airport is considered as being 'in Brisbane' and full lockdown measures apply.

Food Service:

Serving of food, including tea and coffee and meals, now requires that those serving and responsible people for the business to undertake a free 30 minute online micro training course. This is a new requirement for our churches and extends beyond the three day restriction period. Please provide a copy of the generated certificate to the Diocese on completion.

Please follow this link to complete the training <https://go.tafeqld.edu.au/covid-safe.html>

Should you wish clarification on anything within this update please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your servant in Christ,

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