



## COVID-19 update

The health and safety of staff and clients is our top priority

Monday 11 January 2021

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### End of Greater Brisbane lockdown

The Premier announced this morning that **the Greater Brisbane lockdown will conclude at 6pm today as planned.**

Some additional [safety measures are in place](#) for Greater Brisbane from 6pm 11 January 2021 to 1am 22 January 2021. Queensland Health has also asked anybody who was in Greater Brisbane on or since 2 January 2021 to follow these restrictions even if they have left the Greater Brisbane area.

### State Library will reopen tomorrow

State Library will reopen to the public on Tuesday 12 January 2021.

We will continue to implement the Queensland Government advice to ensure that we provide a safe environment for both clients and staff. Greater Brisbane-based staff should return to the workplace following your usual onsite roster.

### New face mask rules

From 6pm Monday 11 January 2021, **you must carry a face mask with you at all times when you leave home**, unless you have a lawful reason not to. Children under 12 years and people affected by a medical condition or disability are exempt.

**Masks must be worn in indoor spaces**, except in your home. This includes:

- shopping centres, supermarkets, retail outlets and indoor markets
- hospitals and aged care facilities
- churches and places of worship
- libraries
- indoor recreational facilities and gyms
- indoor workplaces (where it is safe to wear a mask and you can't physically distance)
- public transport, taxis and rideshare
- airports and travelling on planes.

It is strongly recommended you **wear a mask when outdoors if you are unable to stay more than 1.5m distance from other people**, such as busy walkways and thoroughfares.

## **Safety in the workplace**

This latest advice means that **Greater Brisbane-based staff must be wearing a face mask when they come to the workplace.**

Masks must be worn by staff when working in or moving through front of house spaces. Masks do not need to be worn back of house if you can maintain 1.5m from others, but you should carry one with you throughout the day. If you are unable to maintain 1.5m you should wear a mask.

It is your responsibility to properly use, wear and change your face mask. [More information](#) is available from Queensland Health.

## **Space capacities**

Back of house and front of house indoor spaces at South Bank and Cannon Hill have returned to one person per 4m<sup>2</sup>. Please refer to the 4m<sup>2</sup> column in the capacities tables listed in [Addendum 4](#) to our COVID-Safe Site Plan for information.

## **Vulnerable employees**

If you have previously been classified as a vulnerable employee and believe that the current COVID-19 situation means a change in your circumstances, please have a discussion with your People Leader and provide the [vulnerable employee form](#) to your medical team for advice.

## **Programming updates**

Some upcoming State Library events have been cancelled or rescheduled, but the hope is to continue most programming as planned — in some cases with fewer participants given reduced space capacities. We are awaiting advice from Queensland Health around the requirements for performers and presenters (including whether they must wear a face mask during the event), and will provide an update as soon as possible.

The Marketing and Communications team will assist with communications to registrants for any event changes, including adding messaging about wearing face masks to *What's on* listings on the State Library website. Please make sure you get in touch with the team for assistance.

## **Staff travel**

Brisbane-based staff should not complete any intra-state or interstate work travel from Tuesday 12 January 2021 to 1am on Friday 22 January 2021. Please discuss with your People Leader.

## **State Library carpark**

The State Library carpark will reopen as normal from tomorrow.

## **Precinct cafes**

The Library Café Pop Up will reopen on Wednesday 13 January.

QPAC's green room is currently restricted to QPAC staff, company cast and crew only. This is to limit the number of people interacting with the casts and crews of touring shows.

## **Thank you!**

Thank you to all staff for their quick work adapting to the changes announced on Friday. It certainly wasn't the way we hoped to start the new year, but together we will continue to get through the challenges that COVID-19 presents us.

Stay safe and take care. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

*Vicki*