



COVID-19 update

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

Wednesday 22 December 2021

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Requirements for close and casual contacts

The Premier has announced changes to [requirements for close and casual contacts](#) which came into effect today (Wednesday 22 December). These changes have brought forward from the original implementation date of 1 January 2022. You will note requirements have eased for vaccinated people. Please refer to the link for full details.

Mask up!

The Premier has also said from 5am tomorrow (23 December), masks are mandatory in cinemas and theatres as well as for hospitality workers.

Masks remain mandatory in retail centres, hospitals, aged care, airports, ridesharing vehicles and on public transport.

Note also that in relation to testing, it was advised that PCR tests will be the required tests until the end of this year. Rapid testing may be reconsidered in the future

Frontline heroes

Thank you to our wonderful front-of-house staff who welcome visitors onsite every day and ensure everyone complies with Queensland Government restrictions. While at times it may be a challenging role, it is always rewarding and valued.

Have your say

A reminder that staff feedback on the *State Library Covid-19 Vaccination Requirements for Employees Policy* closes 5pm Monday 10 January 2022. To provide feedback, please email peopleandculture@slq.qld.gov.au

Be prepared

For staff heading off on leave over the compulsory closure period, it is recommended you take your work laptop home and forward your desk phone to your mobile phone in case of unplanned border closures, quarantine requirements, or mandatory shutdowns.

Stay safe

Our [COVID Risk Assessment](#) outlines the measures we take to eliminate risks to the health and safety of staff and visitors. As cases in the community will rise, it is important to remember the good COVID behaviours we adopted early in the pandemic: wash your hands, maintain a safe distance, or consider wearing a mask, and stay home when you're sick.

Check the [active contact tracing alerts](#) every day and follow Queensland Health advice if you were in the any of the locations at the relevant times. You should continue [getting tested](#) if you have any symptoms and when you do, don't forget to advise People and Culture.



Remember to sign in

Please sign in when you arrive at work. Sine Pro will help us quickly contact staff should we need to contact trace at any of our sites.

- **At State Library South Bank (including The Edge, The Library Café Pop-Up and Library Shop) and Anzac Square Memorial Galleries:** sign in with Sine Pro and the Check In Qld app.
- **At Cannon Hill and Cairns offices:** sign in with Sine Pro.

Support is available

Don't hesitate to access the services available through [Benestar EAS](#) if you're having trouble managing anxiety or stress (or for any reason). You can also reach out to the [Peer Support Network](#) if you need it.

This will be the final COVID-19 update for 2021. I would like to thank you for your assistance in implementing the various Directions that have been issued throughout the year.

I wish you and your families a safe (and COVID-free) Christmas and New Year.

Vicki