

Friday 8 January, 2021

Dear families and friends,

Restrictions for the Greater Brisbane area have been announced today by the Queensland Government, and NSW Health has subsequently issued updated guidance that may impact visitation at our homes. The Greater Brisbane area will go into lockdown for three days from 6pm today, and people who have been in the Greater Brisbane area since January 2 are required to self-isolate until at least 6pm on Monday 11 January.

Consequently, we will be denying entry to our homes in NSW and ACT to any person who has been in the Greater Brisbane areas since January 2.

Since this situation is changing daily, we ask that before visiting any BaptistCare homes and to ensure you will be able to visit, please check these websites for information and to ensure you are not coming from, or have been in, an affected suburb, Local Government Area, or COVID-19 case location:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/greater-brisbane-lockdown>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/news-articles/update-urgent-information-about-greater-brisbane>

<https://baptistcare.org.au/covid-hotspots>

The current advice from Health authorities and the details of new visiting guidelines are set out below. Please carefully read through the changes as they relate to your region and home. **The below visitation requirements will continue until further notice.**

#### 1. Homes located in Greater Sydney

- **These Homes include: The Gracewood, Aminya, Dorothy Henderson Lodge, Shalom, Cooina, Warena, Morven Gardens, Bethshan and Orana.**
- Residents may have a maximum of two visitors each day. They may have different visitors each day, provided that the visitor does not reside in The Northern Area of the Northern Beaches, City of Wollongong, Cumberland City Council or the Canterbury Ward of Canterbury Bankstown Council, or has been

in the Greater Brisbane area since January 2, which comprises these five Local Government Areas (LGAs): Brisbane City Council, Redland City Council, Ipswich City Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council and Logan City Council.

- All visitors must wear a surgical mask.
- Visitors must pass all the screening questions before a visit can proceed.
- Those who have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to visit.
- Those who have visited the latest COVID-19 locations in NSW at the times and dates listed, excluding the monitor for symptoms list, will not be permitted to visit. It is a requirement that you review the Case Locations before you travel to the home: [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates)
- Exceptional circumstance visits (end of life) can be arranged through your local Home.

## 2. Homes located in Regional NSW

- **These Homes include: Warabrook Centre, Kularoo, George Forbes House, Niola Centre, Caloola Centre, Mid Richmond Centre and Maranoa Centre.**
- There is no cap on the number of visitors to these homes. Visitors who reside in the following areas will not be permitted entry: the Northern Area of the Northern Beaches, City of Wollongong, Cumberland City Council or the Canterbury Ward of Canterbury Bankstown Council, or anyone who has been in the Greater Brisbane area since January 2, which comprises these five Local Government Areas (LGAs): Brisbane City Council, Redland City Council, Ipswich City Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council and Logan City Council.
- All visitors must wear a surgical mask.
- Visitors must pass all the screening questions before a visit can proceed.
- Those who have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to visit.
- Those who have visited the latest COVID-19 locations in NSW at the times and dates listed, excluding the monitor for symptoms list, will not be permitted to visit. It is a requirement that you review the Case Locations before you travel to the home: [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates)
- Exceptional circumstance visits (end of life) can be arranged through your local Home.

### 3. Homes located in the ACT

- **These Homes include: Griffith Centre and Carey Gardens.**
- Visitors are able to see their loved ones during visiting hours.
- Visitors must wear a surgical mask.
- Visitors who have been to Greater Sydney in the last 14 days will not be permitted to visit.
- Visitors who are from, or have been in, the Greater Brisbane area since January 2 (Local Government Areas of: Brisbane City Council, Redland City Council, Ipswich City Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council and Logan City Council) will not be permitted to visit.
- All visitors must wear a surgical mask.
- Visitors must pass all the screening questions before a visit can proceed.
- Those who have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to visit.
- Those who have visited the latest COVID-19 locations in NSW at the times and dates listed, excluding the monitor for symptoms list, will not be permitted to visit. It is a requirement that you review the Case Locations before you travel to the home: [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates)
- Exceptional circumstance visits (end of life) can be arranged through your local Home.
- All visitors to ACT Homes are required to have a current influenza vaccination.

These restrictions will continue until further notice. Thank you again for your cooperation and understanding.



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