



# COVID POLICY

## Background

The Queensland Government has removed, from all but a small number of high-risk venues, the requirement to implement special measures to control the spread of Covid infection. For example, there is no longer a general requirement for businesses and organisations to check for proof of vaccination or to request the wearing of face masks.

The COVID virus continues to be active across the Queensland community, with 1,500 - 2,000 new cases reported each day as of January 2023. (Source <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html> and <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19-statistics>)

Health authorities acknowledge that vaccination is the best protection against infection by the virus.

The Government strongly encourages all Queenslanders to be vaccinated and has provided ready access to the vaccine. To date, more than 90% of eligible Queenslanders have been vaccinated.

## Policy

QFHS strongly urges members to be vaccinated and receive the latest boosters.

Members and visitors should observe everyday good health practices: e.g. cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing; maintain a 1.5 m distance from other people wherever possible.

Do not attend the Family History Research Centre or other face-to-face events if you have COVID symptoms, have tested positive for COVID, or have been in recent close contact with a person testing positive for COVID.

Members and visitors do not have to provide proof of vaccination.

Face masks are optional at the Family History Research Centre or other QFFHS face-to-face events.

To protect the health of others, members and visitors who show COVID-like symptoms (specifically, repeated coughing and/or sneezing) will be asked to leave the Family History Research Centre.

QFHS will monitor, record, and publish CO<sub>2</sub> levels in the facility and employ sanitisation procedures, e.g., wiping down keyboards and desks before opening.