

8 January 2021

GREATER BRISBANE COVID-19 OUTBREAK & IMPACT ON VISITOR ACCESS

Dear family member/friend,

This afternoon the State Government announced new travel restrictions in response to a COVID-19 outbreak declared in Greater Brisbane today.

At 6pm tonight (Friday, 8 January) Greater Brisbane will enter a three-day lockdown while contact tracers work to prevent the spread of a more transmissible UK strain of COVID-19. This follows the identification of a positive case yesterday.

As advised by the SA Premier today, the Greater Brisbane area is now a declared COVID-19 hotspot and includes:

- City of Brisbane
- City of Ipswich
- Lockyer Valley Region
- Logan City
- Moreton Bay Region
- Redland City
- Scenic Rim Region
- Somerset Region

Accordingly, as of **midnight tonight** anyone entering South Australia from Greater Brisbane will be required to undertake a 14-day quarantine. Additionally, anyone already in SA who has been in Greater Brisbane since **2 January 2021** must undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing.

In line with these announcements, anyone who has been in Greater Brisbane since 2 January, or in close contact with someone who has, is not permitted to enter a UnitingSA Residential Aged Care home. This relates to visitors, clients, staff and contractors.

In addition to the above, the following people remain unable to enter a UnitingSA Aged Care home:

- Those who have been in New South Wales (excluding the 100km buffer zone) in the past 14 days
- Those who have been in a Victorian hotspot (as defined at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/case-locations-and-outbreaks)
- Those who have been overseas (excluding New Zealand) in the past 14 days

As always, discretion will continue to be shown with regards to compassionate visits.

If you have any queries regarding information contained in this letter, please speak with your home's Director of Nursing.

For further advice about SA's quarantine and testing requirements, please visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDcontacttracing.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support during this challenging period.

Yours sincerely,



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