

# Brisbane Youth Detention Centre — Information for parents and carers about novel coronavirus

We are working closely with Queensland Health to limit the effect of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on youth detention centres. Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of young people, staff and the community. Our aim is to minimise any negative impacts on them during this time.

## Important update

**Face-to-face visits, both personal and professional, will resume from Saturday 23 January 2021 at the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre in line with [current health advice and visitor restrictions](#).**

We are working closely with Queensland Health to ensure the safety and wellbeing of young people, staff and the community and extensive planning had taken place to respond to this situation.

We have strategies in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, including:

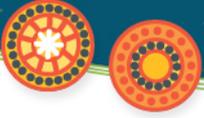
- COVID-19 health checks for young people
- increased cleaning and sanitisation
- increased availability and use of hand sanitisers and protective equipment
- extra staff training on hygiene, the use of protective equipment and extra safety measures for any young person identified as high risk.

We encourage you to contact your child's caseworker if you have any concerns.

It is important that young people continue to connect with their families, friends, legal contacts and service providers. Staff will work with you to ensure you can stay in contact with young people.

Everyone who comes to a youth detention centre must have a health screen, including a temperature check, before they enter. This includes:

- staff
- young people
- visitors
- other essential workers.



People will not be allowed to enter a youth detention centre if they have:

- returned/arrived from overseas in the past 14 days
- been to any of the declared [COVID-19 hotspots](#) in the past 14 days
- had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- a fever or symptoms of acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, sore throat, runny nose or shortness of breath)
- a temperature of over 37.5 degrees (checked before entry).

Safety measures are in place to keep everyone safe.

## **How COVID-19 will affect young people in BYDC**

All young people will be monitored for symptoms.

We will focus on helping young people and staff maintain the best possible hygiene standards. Our youth detention centres have put extra cleaning and disinfecting procedures in place.

We have strict infection control measures in place, including the use of PPE, to help protect them.

## **Health services for your child**

All young people have access to health services while they are at a youth detention centre. Young people can talk to nurses and doctors at the centre if they have concerns about their health.

**Please contact Brisbane Youth Detention Centre if you need more information.**