

## Queensland Baptists COVID-19 Update #2 - 8 January 2021

Further to this morning's update and as we continue to await for the new Direction to be released, we draw attention to Q&A section that is available on the [Greater Brisbane 3 Day Lockdown](#) page.

The main point to note is that Restricted Businesses in the Greater Brisbane area required to close for the period of the lockdown. It is specifically mentioned that places of worship are required to close during the lockdown except for weddings and funerals.

The implication here is that having even a small team attend the church on Sunday to facilitate a streamed service (as may have previously been done in the first lockdown) will likely be considered a breach of the direction to close. As such we encourage churches who wish to engage congregations this weekend to use pre-recorded services or perhaps pre-record prior to the commencement of the lockdown. We understand the latter is likely to be very difficult with such a small window, and so suggest the following as possible options:

- Live stream a sermon from pastors' residence – where tech set up permits this option may be possible, bearing in mind that only 2 people can visit a household to assist in the stream (outside of household members)
- Connect your church small groups to view pre-recorded online services that have been prepared by your church or perhaps other churches across the QB Movement
- Use content from the [QB Spring Sermon Series](#) which contains 11 sermons or the [QB Sermon Series - He is for us](#) containing 6 sermons

This lockdown affects QB churches in the local government areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Redlands and Logan only, so many QB churches across the State remain unimpacted by this. We do however remind everyone in places outside of the lockdown area that anyone who was in Greater Brisbane since 2 January, must follow the same lockdown rules where they are now.

Further information will continue to be provided as available, but if you have specific queries relating to this information, please continue to forward them to [liz.mcfarland@qb.org.au](mailto:liz.mcfarland@qb.org.au)

*Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*