



Health

## Advice to residential disability care facilities (RDCF)

As of 1 April 2021

There are currently [close](#) or [casual](#) contact locations in NSW and [close and casual contact locations](#) in Queensland.

In Queensland there has been community transmission within the Greater Brisbane area, which includes Brisbane City, Moreton Bay, Logan, Ipswich and Redlands. Infection has been spread from a Queensland case to a person in a hotel in Byron Bay.

### Visitors

Visitors (except if they are providing essential care to residents or for compassionate reasons) should not enter residential disability care facilities in NSW if:

- they have been to Brisbane City, Moreton Bay Logan, Ipswich and Redlands Council areas in Queensland
- they have been to [Ballina LGA](#) , [Byron Bay LGA](#) , [Lismore LGA](#) and [Tweed LGA](#) in NSW
- the facility is located in [Ballina LGA](#) , [Byron Bay LGA](#) , [Lismore LGA](#) and [Tweed LGA](#)

Visitors must not enter the facility at all if they:

- they have been to any Queensland [contact tracing locations](#) or NSW [close](#) or [casual](#) contact locations in the previous 14 days.
- have [COVID-19 symptoms](#) - fever (37. 5°C or higher) or symptoms of COVID-19
- are a close contact of a person with confirmed COVID-19 and are within their self-isolation period
- live in a household with a person who is currently self-isolating
- are waiting for a COVID-19 test result.

Please read [Exceptional circumstances for visiting an RDCF](#)

### Residents

Residents of facilities located in the Northern NSW locations of [Ballina LGA](#) , [Byron Bay LGA](#) , [Lismore LGA](#) and [Tweed LGA](#)

- should avoid leaving the facility except for essential reasons (for example, attending a medical appointment)

Residents from other areas of NSW who are attending outings and excursions should ensure that:

- the event complies with the current [Gathering and Movement Public Health Order](#)
- no one at the event meets any of the above visitor exclusion criteria:

## Staff

Exclude staff who:

- have been to a [close contact location in Queensland](#) or a [close contact location in NSW](#), until they have completed their 14 day self-isolation
- have been to a [casual contact location in Queensland](#) or a [casual contact location in NSW](#) in the past 14 days (even if receive they a negative COVID-19 test result sooner); if this staff member is essential for the operation of the facility please see advice under [Exceptional circumstances](#)
- have [COVID-19 symptoms](#) - fever (37. 5°C or higher) or symptoms of COVID-19
- are a close contact of a person with confirmed COVID-19 and are within their self-isolation period
- live in a household with a person who is currently self-isolating
- are waiting for a COVID-19 test result

Staff must self-isolate until they receive a negative test and should wear a surgical mask until further notice if they have been to:

- Greater Brisbane areas including Brisbane City, Moreton Bay, Logan, Ipswich and Redlands in the last 14 days

Staff must wear a surgical mask if:

- the facility is located in the Northern NSW locations of [Ballina LGA](#), [Byron Bay LGA](#), [Lismore LGA](#) and [Tweed LGA](#)
- they have been to Northern NSW locations of [Ballina LGA](#), [Byron Bay LGA](#), [Lismore LGA](#) and [Tweed LGA](#) in the last 14 days

For advice on essential staff who are necessary for operational purposes:

- please see the advice on [Exceptional circumstances for visiting a RDCF](#) and call the local public health unit on 1300 066 055 for a risk assessment and further advice.

For guidance on:

- New and returning residents
- Exceptional circumstances
- Additional COVID-19 measures for staff and facilities
- Assistance
- Further advice
- Additional resources

Please read [Additional information for residential disability care facilities \(RDCF\)](#).

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