**COVID 19 Visitor Request for Exemption**

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| **Information required** | **Response** |
| **Name of Patient:** |  |
| **Patient UR (if known):** |  |
| **Ward (if known):** |  |
| **Visitor Full Name & Relationship to patient:** |  |
| **Proposed date and time of visit/s:**  Maximum of 2 hours per day |  |
| **Exemption Request category:** | *As per Qld Health Hospital Entry Direction (No. 7) an exemption request can be made on the following grounds:*  (Select the most relevant box)  **End of Life**  **Emergency Care**  **Parent, Carer or Guardian accompanying a child**  **Carer or support person** |
| **Provide brief reason for exemption request:** |  |

*Please note, if an exemption is granted, whilst in the hospital, it is expected you will have limited movement travelling directly to the patient room you are visiting. You will be unable to use any common area facilities and a surgical mask provided by the hospital must be worn at all times whilst on site.*

**Once completed, please email to** [**executiveofficer-nq@mater.org.au**](mailto:executiveofficer-nq@mater.org.au) **for consideration. A response will be provided within 24 hours of receipt.**

# Hospital visitors

[*Hospital Entry Direction (No. 7)*](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/hospital-entry-direction)

## Update 11 December 2021

* From 17 December 2021, only fully vaccinated persons can visit vulnerable facilities for any reason and unvaccinated persons for limited reasons (e.g. end of life, parent or guardian, legal advocacy)
* Emergency entry for an unvaccinated person has been expanded to include emergency, legislative regulatory or compliance functions, official union duties
* A person will be taken to be fully vaccinated if they have a recognised medical contraindication or are a COVID-19 vaccine trial participant

## Overview

Visitors (unless you are a patient), staff, students or volunteers should not be anyone who:

* is unwell
* has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or asked to quarantine
* is in home quarantine, unless granted an exemption
* has returned from overseas in the last 14 days (excluding safe travel zone countries), unless granted an exemption
* is a close or secondary contact of a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, unless their quarantine period has ended
* is unvaccinated, and has visited a [COVID-19 hotspot](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/hotspots-covid-19) outside of the Border Zone in the last 14 days or since the hotspot was declared (whichever is shorter)
* is unvaccinated and not visiting for a permitted purpose. Permitted purposes include:
  + under 16 years of age; or
  + unable to receive a COVID-19 vaccination because of a medical contraindication and has evidence of a medical contraindication; or
  + is a COVID-19 vaccine trial participant, and receipt of a Therapeutic Goods Administration approved COVID-19 vaccine would impact the validity of the trial. The medical certificate must not have expired.
  + visiting a patient of the hospital for one of the following purposes:
    1. end of life visit; or
    2. to be a support person during childbirth; or
    3. in an emergency.
  + a parent, carer, guardian or other responsible adult who is accompanying a child or minor that is a patient of the hospital; or
  + a carer or support person who provides assistance or other caring responsibilities, including advocacy services, to a patient of the hospital; or
* has visited an [interstate exposure venue](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/interstate-exposure-venues) in the last 14 days unless an exemption has been granted for an end of life visit
* has been in an [interstate area of concern](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/interstate-areas-of-concern) in the last 14 days or since the identified start date (whichever is shorter), unless they have received a negative COVID-19 PCR test since entering Queensland
* lives or works, or has lived or worked, in a [Queensland COVID-19 restricted area](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/restricted-areas-covid-19), in the last 14 days
* has had a COVID-19 PCR test and is waiting to receive the results (except for tests due to surveillance testing obligations)
* has [COVID-19 symptoms](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/symptoms-of-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-comparison) of fever (37.5 degrees or more), cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of smell or taste, runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting or fatigue

You may enter a hospital if you do not fit into any of the above categories. Each hospital and even wards within hospitals can make decisions around visiting that are in the best interest of the patient. These decisions are based on clinical risk and may change depending on the situation at the time. Please respect each hospital’s visitor rules.