



# COVID-19 professional visitor information

We are working closely with Queensland Health to limit the effect of COVID-19 on youth detention centres (YDCs). Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of young people, staff and the community. We have strategies in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, including:

- COVID-19 health checks and vaccinations for young people
- increased cleaning and sanitisation
- increased use of hand sanitisers and protective equipment
- extra staff training
- mask wearing (highly recommended if you are inside and not able to socially distance).

It is imperative that professional visitors are aware of their obligation to comply with COVID-19 precautions. YDCs will make every effort to minimise the impact of these precautions, however, professional visitors should expect changes to the existing visit process and are asked to be patient while staff navigate requirements.

## Visiting a youth detention centre

It is important that young people continue to connect with their legal contacts and service providers while in a YDC. We will work with you to maintain that contact with young people.

You no longer have to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to visit a YDC.

Wearing a mask is highly recommended if you are inside and not able to socially distance.

## General screening

You should not enter the centre if you have:

- 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)
- tested positive for COVID-19 in the past seven days.

## During the visit

- Individual professional visits and group contact sessions will occur in an approved location or interview room with observed social distancing and allocated seating.
- All visitors must follow visible floor directions and practice social distancing.
- To minimise risk of contagion, physical contact is prohibited (e.g. hand shaking, hugging).
- Approved resources such as paper and pens may be brought into the visit as per the usual approval processes, however the sharing of these resources with young people must be kept to a minimum (e.g. only provided if the young person's signature is required).
- All pens and other items used for approved purposes during a professional visit must be sanitised prior to redistribution.

**Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Please contact the relevant youth detention centre if you require additional information regarding visits.**