



Moderator
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Dear friends in Christ,

For the past 18 months, we have all faced the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. As our borders are opened to the rest of the country in the coming weeks, it is clear that vaccination will be vitally important in keeping Queenslanders safe.

Earlier this week we received a letter (attached) from the Queensland Premier, requesting our “urgent assistance to help get more Queenslanders vaccinated and protect everyone in the community”.

This has been a message that the church has been sharing for a number of months in COVID-19 updates and during regular COVID Advisor briefings, including a question-and-answer session with Michael Krieg, Group Executive of UnitingCare Hospitals. A consultation and discernment process around the importance of vaccinations is underway to determine our best next steps to keep everyone safe.

I accept that there may be some within the church who may be hesitant. A number of links for additional resources are available below to help you.

- [Queensland Government - About the COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [Queensland Government – Vaccine effectiveness](#)
- [Queensland Government – Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Federal Government – The facts on the vaccine](#)
- [Federal Government – COVID-19 Vaccination pack](#)
- [World Health Organisation – Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Centre for Disease Control – Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Queensland Health – Vaccine bookings](#)
- [COVID Vaccine Warrior video produced by First Peoples Disability Network Australia](#)
- [Make the choice – information for First Peoples](#)

I encourage all members of the Uniting Church in Queensland to get vaccinated as a priority if they have not done so already. Together, we can work to protect everyone in the community from COVID-19.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact [Peter Rose](#) from our COVID team.

Every blessing

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