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Dear Leaders of Faith Communities

I write to update you on the current COVID-19 situation as we head into an important religious period for many denominations. As I am sure you are aware, there have now been a number of cases of community transmission detected in Queensland where new restrictions have been announced today.

NSW Health acknowledges the importance of this religious period to your communities, particularly after the events of the previous year, and that restrictions have recently been relaxed to support places of worship following close consultation with yourselves.

The situation in Queensland has increased the risk to your communities at this time, particularly vulnerable members. It is advised that all places of worship take additional steps to protect their communities over this period by ensuring those who have been in the affected areas of Greater Brisbane since March 20<sup>th</sup> (Ipswich, Logan, Redlands, Moreton Bay and Brisbane council areas) do not attend services in line with the current stay-at-home requirements, and recommending congregants wear masks, particularly when singing indoors.

I thank you and your communities for their ongoing support and partnership through the COVID-19 pandemic response. I will provide updated advice should there be any further developments on the risk situation for NSW.

Yours sincerely

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