

# Infection control

## Cystic Fibrosis Queensland infection control notice for events

There are inherent risks that people with cystic fibrosis face when attending Cystic Fibrosis Queensland events. As a member of the cystic fibrosis community, before you decide to attend an event, please read this warning very carefully.

Any event organised by Cystic Fibrosis Queensland is open to our members and therefore will be attended by members of the cystic fibrosis community for the primary purpose of their enjoyment, information, recreation and the opportunity to mix at the venue with other members of the cystic fibrosis community. If you (or any children under 18 years of age who will attend a Cystic Fibrosis Queensland event with your permission) have cystic fibrosis, there may be a real, serious and inherent risk that by attending the event you (or your children) will be exposed to pathogens that might severely harm your (or your children's) health. These pathogens could include (but are not limited to): Burkholderia cepacia, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, human respiratory syncytial virus, human parainfluenza viruses, influenza viruses or other pathogens that are currently unknown. For people with cystic fibrosis, exposure to these pathogens could lead to serious illness, injury or even death. If you, or your accompanying children, attend a Cystic Fibrosis Queensland event, then reducing physical contact (e.g. kissing, shaking hands) is likely to reduce the risk of cross-infection, but there is no reliable or effective way to eliminate all risk of transfer of a pathogenic infection. You should also practice good public health hygiene (e.g. hand washing, covering your mouth if you cough) to reduce the risk for others.