



PANDEMIC
INFORMATION



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QUEENSLAND

FIVE STEPS TO GET READY FOR A PANDEMIC

STEP ONE - UNDERSTAND YOUR RISK

What is a pandemic?

PANDEMICS are highly contagious viruses that are easily spread and can cause severe illness and loss of life.



COVID-19

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has affected people from many countries around the world. COVID-19 spreads between people, usually when a sick person coughs or sneezes. You might catch COVID-19 if someone with the virus sneezes or coughs onto you. You could also catch the virus if they have coughed or sneezed onto a surface (like a door handle) that you touch, getting the droplets on your hands and then transferring them to your mouth, nose or eyes when you touch your face or eat.

For more information and advice, visit the Queensland Government's [COVID-19 website](#).

STEP TWO - MAKE A PLAN

During a pandemic it is unlikely that you will need to activate your household emergency and evacuation plan however it is still important to GET READY. For more information and to complete your plan online access **Your Emergency Guide** on [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).

STEP THREE - PACK SUPPLIES

Pack your Emergency Kit with essential supplies in the case you are unable to leave your home for an extended period of time due to having to quarantine or isolate. For more information and a checklist of supplies to pack in your kits access **Your Emergency Guide** on [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).

STEP FOUR - PREPARE YOUR HOME

There is no better time than now to get your home prepared so you are ready for the next time a disaster occurs. For more information on home maintenance and home preparations for when a disaster is imminent access **Your Emergency Guide** on [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).

STEP FIVE - PROTECT YOUR PET

In emergency situations, pets are often the most vulnerable member of the family. It's important to consider what will happen to our pets in the event of a natural disaster. For more information on protecting your pet during a natural disaster, including supplies needed for your Pet Emergency Kit, access **Your Emergency Guide** on [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).

