

CFQ Infection Control Notice for Events

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

Any event organised by CFQ is open to our members and therefore will be attended by members of the CF community for the primary purpose of their enjoyment, information, recreation and the opportunity to mix at the venue with other members of the CF community.

If you (or any children under 18 years of age who will attend a CFQ event with your permission) have CF, 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 CF, exposure to these pathogens could lead to serious illness, injury or even death.

If you, or your accompanying children, attend a CFQ 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.