

## **SAFE START NEEDED FOR 2022**

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All Queenslanders should take steps to start 2022 in a safe and healthy way, as COVID-19 continues to reshape the way we live and work.

“There are many things we can all do to keep ourselves and others safe. Practise social distancing and wear masks – N95 masks if you can get them. Wash your hands, and work from home if you can,” AMA Queensland President Professor Chris Perry said.

“Enjoy the New Year with family and friends, but take precautions.

“We need to flatten the Omicron curve as much as possible, particularly until we have a vaccine for children under five years old, and until the vaccine rollout for 5-11-year-olds starts.

“Some parents may want to make plans to home school if they can, particularly until we know the protection from one dose in a child and the benefits of an eight-week separation of doses for children, rather than the previous three to four weeks for adults.

“Queenslanders have done a great job getting vaccinated.

“Let’s all do our part to make 2022 the year that COVID-19 stops dominating our lives.”

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