

Strategic Objectives and Actions

1. Prioritising Health and Wellbeing

The COVID-19 pandemic is a public health crisis. Our recovery must prioritise assisting people with immediate health and safety needs and building our individual resilience. We will focus immediate efforts in making sure Brimbank is safe to live, work and visit by overcoming barriers to health and wellbeing and increasing protective factors that support our community to thrive.

Our Actions Towards Recovery

<p>Continue to create flexible service delivery models (online and outreach) to adapt to any future service closures under the direction of the Chief Health Officer</p>	<p>Inform and influence the Brimbank Community in relation to COVID matters, with an intent to mitigate and respond to COVID risk.</p>	
<p>Continue to facilitate the Impact Brimbank program aiming to close health and social outcomes gaps for the Brimbank community over a ten year period.</p>	<p>Utilise Council facilities for emergency response when required including the establishment of testing sites in partnership with the Department of Health (DH)</p>	<p>Deliver Brimbank Council programs and services which empower and support the cultural sector by prioritising the role of local creativity, cultural spaces, talent and facilitate arts experiences in the community.</p>
	<p>Prioritise service delivery in both online and face to face formats that support community recovery needs including; health and wellbeing, digital literacy, social inclusion, reskilling and employment</p>	<p>Capture the stories of the Brimbank Community through the Riding the COVID-19 Wave in Brimbank Libraries project to document the impact on the community during the pandemic for present and future generations.</p>
<p>Partner and support the trial of primary prevention mental health initiatives aiming to increase health literacy including Youth Mental Health First Aid and mental health education opportunities for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.</p>		<p>Continued oversight of the Brimbank Coronavirus COVID-19 Safe Plan and Service Rollback Plans to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of residents and staff.</p>
<p>Monitor Councils role in partnering with the Department of Health (DH) to support the phased promotion and rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination.</p>	<p>Map and analyse gaps in Council's responses to loneliness and isolation as an escalating mental health challenge.</p>	<p>Build upon advocacy efforts for investment towards a dedicated COVID-19 Health and Wellbeing, Response Package for Brimbank</p>