

COVID-19 Update (as at 2pm, 3 July 2020)

Overview and key developments

- As at 7.00am Friday 3 July, Queensland has recorded 1067 cases, with no new cases since yesterday. Of the confirmed cases, 1054 have recovered.
- As at 9.00pm Thursday 2 July, Australia has recorded 8001 confirmed cases, 86 more than the previous day. Of the 8001 confirmed cases nationally, 104 have died from COVID-19. Six of these deaths have been Queenslanders.
- **Stage 3 of the revised Roadmap to Easing Restrictions** has been brought forward. From midday today Friday 3 July, there will be further easing of restrictions for businesses, pubs, clubs, restaurants and cafes, at stadiums and entertainment venues, for public gatherings including weddings, and for indoor and outdoor community sport. [View the Roadmap to Easing Restrictions](#).
- **From 12:00pm Friday 10 July**, any person from New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory may enter Queensland, subject to completing and signing a border declaration.
- Due to the current community transmission levels, access to Queensland from Victoria will remain closed and strengthened. From 12:00pm today, the Queensland Government will implement **enhanced border control measures**, including border passes and identification screening.
- Any person (whether a Queensland resident or non-Queensland resident) who has been in any local government area within the State of Victoria within the last 14 days should not come to Queensland. If they do, they must undergo mandatory quarantine in a hotel at their own expense for a minimum of 14 days. A person who refuses testing in quarantine will be subject to a further 10-day period at cost.
- If you **breach any of the requirements under the [Borders Direction](#)**, you may be subject to enforcement, including an on the spot fine of \$1334 or a or a court-imposed penalty of up to \$13,345.
- If you **provide false, misleading or incorrect information on a Border Declaration** it is an offence punishable by a fine of \$4,004 or a court-imposed penalty of up to \$13,345.
- [Find out more about the plans for the management of Queensland's borders](#).
- To date 22 **Industry COVID Safe Plans** have been approved by the Chief Health Officer. Plans recently approved include Queensland Live Performance, Venues/Theatres; Queensland Sex Industry and Outdoor Education Providers. Further information on Industry COVID Safe Plans is available [here](#) and all [approved plans](#) are available on the COVID-19 website.
- **More events can be held from midday today** guided by a [Framework for COVID Safe Events](#). The framework sets out key public health principles and event-specific public health strategies that will limit the transmission of COVID-19 at events and help event organisers operate safely. The framework and supporting information can be viewed [here](#).
- Queenslanders are advised they are '**Good to Go**' to explore Queensland with Tourism and Events Queensland's campaign to promote intrastate travel and support the state's tourism industry. Holiday inspiration and deals can be found at the brand new, world-class [Queensland.com](#).
- The [Queensland Economic Recovery Strategy: Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs](#) is a suite of initiatives designed to reinvigorate the Queensland economy in partnership with the private sector. The Queensland Government has announced the second phase of the strategy, with further measures to support agriculture, tourism, construction, resources and energy, arts and culture and small business.

Public Health advice

- Stage 3 of the Government's easing of restrictions commences today.

- From 12pm today, Friday 3 July 2020:
 - Queenslanders will be able to gather in groups of up to 100 people in homes and public spaces.
 - Queenslanders can travel anywhere in Queensland for any reason, except to remote communities (designated areas). There is no limit on distance. You can stay overnight anywhere in Queensland for as many nights as you like.
 - All businesses may now have one person per 4 square metres on their premises. Businesses with a floor space less than 200 square metres can have one person per 2 square metres, up to 50 people at a time. This includes:
 - sport stadiums will be able to fill 50 per cent of their stadiums or seat 25,000 spectators (whichever is less)
 - concert venues, theatres and auditoriums can have up to 50 per cent capacity or one person per 4 square metres (whichever is greater)
 - museums, art galleries, libraries and historic sites can have one person per 4 square metres
 - non-therapeutic massage services and water-based spa services such as saunas and bathhouses will be able to operate
 - food courts will be able to open
 - nightclubs can operate in accordance with an Approved Plan
 - strip clubs, brothels, sex on premises venues and sole operator sex workers can operate with an Approved Plan
 - wedding ceremonies and funerals may have up to 100 people.
- **Social distancing and hygiene rules remain in place** in all circumstances including regular hand washing and wherever possible remaining 1.5 metres away from non-household members.
- From 12.00 pm on Friday 3 July 2020 all 79 Local Government Areas (LGAs) within the State of Victoria are considered a COVID-19 hotspot. Full details can be found [here](#). Queenslanders returning from these areas will need to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- In Queensland, **testing** may be done for people who have any of the following COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild – fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose and fatigue. If you are unwell and you meet the above criteria, you should contact a doctor immediately.

Other services

- Queensland agriculture and commercial fishing businesses can hire seasonal and itinerant workers as long as they have a workplace health management plan which has been submitted to Queensland Health and is being implemented. From today, seasonal workers arriving in Queensland from Victoria will need to quarantine. Find further information for [seasonal workers and visa holders](#), and [employers](#) information.
- Queenslanders can **book most campsites in national parks 12 months in advance** making it easier for campers and caravan enthusiasts to plan their holidays over the next year. Bookings can be made [here](#).
- In line with updated health advice and easing restrictions, some **driver reviver sites** have reopened for motorists travelling during the school holiday period. This is in line with updated health advice and easing of travel restrictions. View the [driver reviver map](#) for more information.
- **Queensland learner drivers** can continue to earn their 100 hours' supervised driving requirement with free learner licence renewals available until 15 September 2020.

- **Public transport customers** should remember three key principles when travelling: Leave a gap between themselves and others; Adjust their travel to avoid peak periods; and Keep it clean by following health advice. [View the COVID-safe public transport plan](#).

Financial assistance

- Overall the Queensland Government has committed **more than \$7 billion worth of COVID-19 support initiatives**, including measures for impacted businesses, workers, households, communities and the health sector.
- Recent announcements:
 - **Round 2 of the Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant is now open.** Up to \$100 million is on offer with half earmarked for regional small businesses. Eligible small businesses can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to help pay for a range of activities. [Apply here](#).
- To find information on all financial assistance and business and industry support announced by the Queensland Government, visit [Business Queensland](#) or the [COVID-19 website](#).
- An **online rental hub** has information and resources to help tenants, property owners and agents. [Find out more about the rental hub](#).
- An **online jobs portal** is available to connect Queenslanders who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 with new job opportunities. [Find out more about Jobs Finder Queensland](#).
- The Australian Government has announced a range of support measures including the HomeBuilder program, JobKeeper payment, Higher Education Relief Package, Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package and a Jobs Hub. [Find out more information on Australian Government measures and assistance](#). The temporary child care package, which includes free child care, will end on 12 July. View further information [here](#).
- **Centrelink** - If you're affected by COVID-19, you can register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment. [Register your intention to claim](#).

Community assistance

- For assistance on COVID-19 related matters, Queenslanders can call 134 COVID (13 42 68).
- Older Queenslanders who need support to stay home and stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic can call the Community Recovery Hotline 1800 173 349.
- [View translated Australian and Queensland health resources related to COVID-19](#).
- People experiencing domestic and family violence may be vulnerable during periods of isolation. For help call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or [find further information and services for people impacted by domestic and family violence](#). An online domestic and family violence reporting tool is available via the Queensland Police website. View [here](#).
- Counselling services for anyone at any time are available from [Lifeline](#) or phone 13 11 14.
- [Find out more about additional mental health services and resources](#).
- [View the Australian Government's new Beyond Blue coronavirus mental wellbeing service](#) or call 1800 512 348.
- The Queensland Government has launched [Boost Your Healthy](#), a series of online videos and tips turning backyards into gyms, with Queensland's sporting greats as personal trainers and motivators.
- Queenslanders can all play a part to support families. Check in with friends and neighbours to see how they're managing and let them know you're there for them if they ever need someone to talk to. You can connect parents to services like ParentLine (call 1300 30 1300), [Triple P](#) or [oneplace](#).