



17th June 2020

Dear Church Family,

This update (**issue #14**) is an **addition** to communication set out in issue #'s 12 and 13.

Due to easing of restrictions the South Queensland Conference Crisis Management Team (CMT) will move to fortnightly meetings until further notice. Our next scheduled meeting is listed for 29 June after which our next communication will be issued.

Church update

Funeral restrictions have further eased in Queensland.

Up to 100 people can now attend funerals in Queensland as the government moves to further ease restrictions.

(Source: [Queensland Government Media Statement](#))

The South Queensland Conference is encouraged with the easing of restrictions with church services. The State Government [Roadmap to easing Queensland's restrictions](#) outlines the 20 people per venue rule for church services.

The South Queensland Conference therefore wishes to reiterate to churches that if they are running services for more than 20 people, they **must** follow the approved [Industry COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland](#).

The South Queensland Conference needs to remind churches that hosting church luncheons during this time at their local premises is **not permitted**. We request churches refrain from this activity until advised otherwise. Please refer to **COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND PLANNING TOOL FOR CHURCHES**, released to all Pastors by Pr Greg Pratt.

If you don't have access to this tool, please contact your local Pastor for a copy or Pr Greg Pratt at the Conference Office on **07 3218 7777**.

Convention Centers / Camp sites

The centers will now be open for Family camping, Caravan and Accommodation options to group sizes of maximum of 20 people* (Stage 2 of the roadmap).

ABC Bookstores

ABC book centers are open. All customers are expected to sanitise their hands prior to entering the stores and follow 1.5m social distancing rules with limited number of customers permitted in store, following guidelines of 4sqM per person.

Coronavirus cases update

As of today, Queensland's total confirmed cases of Coronavirus is 1,066, an increase by 4 since our last cases update. Currently, Queensland has 5 active cases, 42 community transmissions, 1 hospitalization, 1 in ICU and 6 deaths.

Resource: <https://www.covidlive.com.au/state/qld>

Schools update

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Our schools are open with all students permitted to return, but with safety measures still in place to protect the vulnerable. Schools have been informed of a number of measures to be lifted or eased at the start of term 3 as stage 3 of the Queensland Government's plan comes into effect on 10 July, which is during the school holidays. Regular and detailed updates are provided regularly by our schools to students, staff, and parents/carers. A 'Second Wave' Critical Event Management Plan (CEMP) is being developed for use in all our segments in the event of a second wave of infections in the community.

Aged Care update

Adventist Retirement Plus sites are open to visitors on a booking basis and for those who can present with an up to date flu vaccination certificate. Currently, no visitors under the age of 16 are permitted on site.

Church members may access regular updates and latest communication from Aged Care CEO, Eric Anderson via the following link: <https://www.arplus.org.au/news/>

Conclusion

Our staff remain committed to and work tirelessly in ensuring that our church members are connected, cared for and spiritually supported. We continue to play our parts in minimizing the risk of spreading COVID-19 and preventing a second wave from occurring. We keep our Nation and church community in daily prayer. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding, and for taking note of this update.

Yours sincerely
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