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Dear Church Family,

Welcome to issue **#15** of the South Queensland Conference Corporate Crisis Management Team communication.

Church update

Yesterday, 30th June, Queensland State Government announced further easing of restrictions in Queensland. As of noon 3rd July:

- Up to **100** family and friends will be able to gather in private homes.
- Weddings and Funerals may have a maximum of **100 people** (provided contact details are kept for at least 56 days)
- Business may have a maximum number of people at any one time, determined by the 4sqm per person rule and if following COVID Safe Industry Plan. If not complying with the COVID Safe Industry Plan then a maximum of **50 people** allowed, following the [COVID Safe Checklist](#)
- For smaller venues below 200sqm, businesses can have one person per 2sqm, up to 50 persons at a time, unless the COVID Safe Industry Plan is followed.

The South Queensland Conference is encouraged with the easing of restrictions with church services and asks churches to refer to the State Government [Roadmap to easing Queensland's restrictions](#).

The South Queensland Conference wishes to reiterate to churches that if they are running services for more than 50 people, they **must** follow the approved [Industry COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland](#).

The South Queensland Conference Crisis Management Team have decided it be best to give churches, who wish to follow the above State Government guidelines time to prepare and suggest that churches implement these newly eased restrictions on 10th July.

Churches may:

1. Run church services and stream their services online at the same time
2. Remain running only online services
3. Participate in social gathering and luncheons provided that church members bring only their own individual packed lunches and snacks/drinks and **do not** share their food and drinks with others outside their immediate households.
4. The following **checklists** may be used to support churches:
 - a. Cleaning [checklist](#)
 - b. Physical distancing [checklist](#)
 - c. Information on [How to clean and disinfect](#) your workplace - COVID-19
 - d. Health, hygiene & facilities [checklist](#) - COVID-19:

For further information on cleaning, please visit [Information on cleaning, please visit Safe Work Australia](#).

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General Precautionary Standards apply at all times, which include:

- washing your hands often and thoroughly with regular soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- using a tissue to cover your mouth or cough and sneeze into your elbow
- avoiding close contact with others, such as touching and shaking hands
- Discard used tissues in a bin or bag immediately and wash your hands immediately
- Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Frequently clean and disinfect regularly used surfaces and public areas, such as hand rails, door handles and benches
- Maintain social distance at all times with a distance of at least 1.5 meters between yourself and the next person (for public interactions)
- Stay home, self-quarantine and call your doctor if you feel unwell

Private Home Gatherings:

- Home owners hosting gathering are expected to ensure homes are cleaned and sanitized
- Maximum of 100 family and friends allowed
- Household members and visitors are to:
 - confirm if they are healthy and no fever
 - maintain 1.5m social distancing
 - follow general precautionary standards listed above

Church service live-streaming and recording:

- Follow the recently updated and Adcom approved **SQC230.002.ADM - Church Low Risk Or Common Activities Risk Register** at all times
- Follow social distancing practice by keeping 1.5m – 2m distance at all times
- Follow General Precautionary Standards listed above
- Frequently clean and disinfect regularly used surfaces and public areas, such as hand rails, door handles and benches
- If hand sanitizers (hand gels or sprays) are not available then wash your hands every 20 minutes (take a break)
- Clean or sanitize any equipment, tools or stationary that is shared between people using sanitizing (alcohol) wipes. Cleaning and sanitizing must be done each time before a new person uses these items:
 - Microphones
 - Headsets/ head pieces/ ear pieces
 - Pens, clip boards, folders
 - Electronic screens, mobile phones, ipads or anything similar
 - Other electronic equipment that may be used
 - Sanitize (with spray and wipe bottle or wet wipes) shared surfaces. Cleaning and sanitizing must be done each time before a new person touches or uses these items:
 - Tables and or benches
 - Chairs
 - Hand rails and door knobs

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Tithes and Offerings

Currently, churches are encouraged to give via the flexible tithe and offerings as outlined:

- Access to Electronic Giving (e-giving) via the internet website
- Access to e-giving by the new APP that can be easily downloaded to your mobile phone and/or ipad
- Details on Manal Credit Card Sheet that can be completed and emailed to us to allow for giving via credit or debit cards
- Access to Phone Service, should you wish to phone your credit card details through for our staff to assist you in your tithes and offerings
- Details for Direct Bank Transfers to our Conference bank account, should you prefer to give in this way
- Details on a personal Deposit system, available here at our Administration and Resourcing Centre (Spring Hill)
- Details on Mail Delivery for giving donations

For churches who wish to take up tithes and offerings at church, place offering boxes or baskets in convenient places, so members can leave their offerings without handling an offering bag that others have handled.

Treasurers who are counting and handling cash must wash their hands thoroughly after contact with cash.

Convention Centers / Camp sites

The centers will now be open for Family camping, Caravan and Accommodation options following State Government Guidelines.

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.

Coronavirus cases update

As of today, Queensland's total confirmed cases of Coronavirus is 1,067, an increase by 1 since our last cases update. Currently, Queensland has 2 active cases, 41 community transmissions, 1 hospitalization, 0 in ICU and 6 deaths.

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

Schools update

Schools are fully opened with all students back in their classrooms and measures in place. Seventh-day Adventist Schools continue to release statements to parents informing them of any updates and changes.

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. Under 16 year olds are allowed to visit on site. Resident can visit family homes without vaccination requirements.

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/>

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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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