

30 September 2021– Stage-two Restrictions for Impacted Areas in Queensland

The Queensland Government has introduced new rules for impacted areas in Queensland commencing 4pm Thursday 30 September 2021. These new rules are to stop further spread of COVID-19 in the community early and stop the need for further restrictions. More information is available [here](#).

You must continue to carry a face mask and wear it indoors and outdoors. You do not have to wear a mask outside if you can physically distance (1.5 metres away from people who are not from your household).

Restrictions apply to these impacted Local Government Areas (LGAs):

- Logan
- Gold Coast
- Moreton Bay
- Brisbane
- Palm Island
- Townsville (including Magnetic Island)

Community and organised sport is allowed. Stadiums and sporting venues must follow indoor and outdoor event requirements.

You can have gatherings of 30 people in your home or in public places.

More detail on the new rules is below.

Wearing a mask

You must always carry a face mask with you when you leave home, unless you have a legal reason to not wear it. You must wear your mask **in indoor places** such as:

- shopping centres, supermarkets, retail outlets and indoor markets.
- hospitals and aged care facilities (if you are allowed to attend).
- restaurants and cafes.
- churches and places of worship.
- libraries.
- Schools (staff and high school students).
- indoor recreational facilities and gyms.
- Indoor workplaces (unless you are alone in an office or meeting room with door closed or it is unsafe to wear it).
- airports and travelling on planes.
- ticketed venues such as cinemas.
- public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles such as Uber or Didi.

You do not need to wear a face mask **outdoors**, unless you cannot physically distance (1.5m) yourself from people who are not part of your household.

Some people do not have to wear a mask, including:

- Children under 12 years.
- People with particular medical conditions or disabilities.

If you usually cover your face for religious or cultural reasons, you must wear a mask where required.

You do not have to wear a face mask in private vehicles where you are on your own, or with members of your household.

Hospitals, Residential Aged Care Facilities, Disability Services Accommodation and Correctional Facilities

All hospitals, residential aged care facilities, disability services accommodation and correctional facilities (jails) in affected areas are closed to visitors. Anyone attending these facilities, including staff, must wear a mask. Anyone who is a close contact or has been in a declared hotspot or interstate exposure venue of concern must not visit these facilities.

Homes visits and Private Gathering

Gatherings in people's homes are limited to 30 people in total, including the people you live with. Private gatherings in public, such as BBQ's and other parties are limited to 30 people.

Places of Worship

- You can attend places of worship. This can be a church, temple, mosque, community hall or other venue. A religious gathering in a home is not included.
- Places of worship need to follow the one person per 4 square metres rule or may have 75 per cent capacity if seating is ticketed and allocated.
- Your place of worship will need to have a COVID Safe plan in place and use the Check in app.
- Masks must be worn inside.
- People leading a service do not need to wear a mask when they are 1.5 metres away from others.

Funerals and Weddings

Funerals:

- You can have no more than 100 people attend a funeral gathering. Count yourself, your family and all others.

Wedding ceremonies:

- You can have no more than 100 people at your wedding event. Count yourself, your family and all others. Dancing is allowed for 20 wedding attendees at a time.

Restaurants, cafes and bars

- You must sit down to eat and drink when indoors at restaurants, cafes, bars and nightclubs. No standing is allowed indoors. No dancing allowed.

Venues – Businesses, community centres and COVID-safe events

- Venues can have 1 person per 4 square metres indoors, 1 person per 2 square metres outdoors or 75 per cent capacity, with ticketed and allocated seating.
- Smaller venues up to 200m² are allowed one person per 2 square metres with a maximum of 50 people.
- Indoor and outdoor concert venues, including cinemas, can have 75 per cent capacity, with ticketed and allocated seating.
- All venues must use the Check in app.
- Attendees must wear a mask at all times, including when seated.
- Attendees must be seated to eat and drink. Masks can be removed when eating or drinking.

Travel in Queensland or Interstate

You can leave your home for any purpose. You should limit your travel to other parts of Queensland. You can also travel interstate, but you need to follow the rules of that state or territory. Check the rules of the state or territory before you visit.

Exposure Venues

It is important that you regularly check if you have been to a location that a person infected with COVID-19 has been to. These locations are called “Exposure Venues”. Queensland Health updates the list of Exposure Venues every day. You can check the Exposure Venue list at this website:

www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/contact-tracing

COVID-19 support

If you are finding it hard to cope with the COVID-19 situation, phone Multicultural Connect on 1300 079 020. Ask for an interpreter if you need language support.

Support in lockdown or quarantine

People who need to self-isolate, or quarantine and cannot order groceries, get medication or other essential items, can call the Community Recovery Hotline for support. The Community Recovery Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1800 173 349. Ask for a free interpreter if you need one.

NEED MORE INFORMATION OR DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT?

You can find translated COVID-19 information here www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/support-and-resources/translated-resources You can also find more detail at www.health.qld.gov.au.

For any questions about:

- COVID-19 public health directions
- COVID-19 testing
- Getting a COVID-19 vaccination

Call 134 COVID (13 42 68). If you need an interpreter, ask for one when you call. It is free.