

Queensland Baptists COVID-19 Update 4 August 2021

Recent changes have come into place from **1am this morning 4 August**, effecting Places of Worship in the **impacted areas** of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Logan City, Redlands, Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Somerset, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Gold Coast.

Anyone who has been in these areas on or since 1am AEST 31 July, including members of their household, must follow the restrictions for impacted areas until the end of the lockdown period or until 14 days have passed since those people were in the locked down area (whichever is shorter).

Impacted Areas

Church Services – Impacted Areas

Live streaming of a service may be conducted where each person involved in the service participates in the live streaming from their own principal place of residence. We interpret this to refer to the viewing of the stream by church members in their own home and given that today's Direction doesn't refer to the numbers of people who are permitted to be involved in conducting the service, we are making the assumption that it is still limited to the person delivering the message and a camera operator.

Weddings and Funerals – Impacted Areas

Funeral services and wedding ceremonies can have up to 10 people including the celebrant and two witnesses for weddings and including the person conducting the service for funerals. **Wakes and receptions must be postponed until after lockdown.** You cannot travel outside of or into a locked down area for a wedding or funeral.

- Funerals:
 - Limited to a maximum attendance of 10 people including the person/s conducting the service.
 - Live streaming of a funeral may be conducted with the maximum number of people outlined above.
 - ***Physical distancing*** must be observed to the extent possible.
 - ***Contact information*** must be collected
 - Everyone at the funeral service wear a mask.
- Weddings
 - Limited to a maximum attendance of 10 people including the celebrant and two witnesses, and any other people at the venue, with no dancing permitted.
 - Live streaming of a wedding ceremony may be conducted with the maximum number of people outlined above.
 - ***Physical distancing*** must be observed to the extent possible.
 - ***Contact information*** must be collected

- Everyone at the wedding ceremony must wear a mask except the couple getting married.

Masks – Impacted Areas

You must carry a face mask if you:

- are in a locked down area, or
- have been in a locked down area at any time since 1am AEST 29 June, unless 14 days have passed since you were there; or
- reside in the same household as a person who has been in a locked down area at any time from 1am AEST 31 July 2021 until 14 days have passed since those people were in the locked down area (whichever is shorter).

Outdoors

You must wear a face mask at all times when you are outside your home, including on public transport and when doing non-vigorous exercise unless:

- you are alone in your car or with the members of your household
- you are eating or drinking
- you are participating in strenuous exercise
- it is unsafe to wear a mask.

Indoors

You must wear a face mask at all times when you indoors, including workplaces, even when social distancing is possible, unless:

- you are at your residence and there is no one else there except people you live with
- you are alone in an office with the door closed
- you are eating or drinking
- it is unsafe to wear a mask

If you are an essential worker and you cannot wear a face mask due to a medical condition, you are strongly encouraged to stay at home and not go into your workplace, unless you are fully vaccinated.

Exceptions

There are some other [exceptions](#) to wearing face masks, including for children under 12 (unless they are at school in Grade 7) and people with particular medical conditions or disabilities.

Other Restrictions – Impacted Areas

Home Confinement and Movement

You can only leave your home for essential purposes:

- get essential goods or services, including healthcare
- exercise within a 10 km radius of your home with one other person or members of your household
- attend essential work or volunteering – **if you can work from home, you must work from home**

*NB: **Essential work or volunteering** refers to work or volunteering that is urgently required for safety reasons, for emergency repairs, or that is necessary to maintain essential services and supplies to the community, or to a part of the community, including but not limited to, a nurse,*

*doctor, cook, teacher, healthcare provider, shelf packer, plumber or electrician. **Essential worker or volunteer** has the same meaning.*

- attend school or childcare - school and childcare is only open for children of essential workers or vulnerable children
- provide assistance, care or support to a vulnerable person or family member or visit a terminally ill relative
- provide childcare as part of an alternate childcare arrangement
- get a COVID-19 test or vaccination
- fulfil an obligation relating to shared parenting, child contact or contact between siblings
- in an emergency situation
- for safety reasons (to avoid injury or illness, or to escape a risk of harm)
- as directed by an emergency officer
- to follow an exemption, you have been granted by the Chief Health Officer
- attend any court or tribunal of Australia or comply with or give effect to orders of the court or tribunal
- assist with or participate in an investigation or other action by a law enforcement authority, whether voluntarily or not.

You should stay within 10km of your home whenever possible. You can go further than 10km for an **essential purpose**, but you must stay within the locked down area unless an exception applies. You cannot travel further than 10 km for exercise.

Gatherings

You must not organise or allow any person who is not ordinarily a member of your household to visit the residence during the locked down period. NB: this does not apply to essential workers or volunteers entering the residence to perform essential work.

Essential Retail

Types of essential retailers include:

- Shopping centres that have essential services
- Supermarkets, green grocers, butchers and bakeries
- Hospitality businesses, such as restaurants and cafes can open for takeaway service only
- Health food and supplement stores
- Uniform and protective equipment outlets (clothing, shoe and accessory stores cannot open)
- Pharmacies
- Pet supply shops and pet care
- Petrol stations
- Electronics and technology retailers
- Newsagents and post offices
- Speciality toy stores, for essential educational, behavioural or developmental needs
- Hardware stores
- Basic clothing

Retailers are also encouraged to operate in a way that facilitates minimal or no contact with the community.

Essential Repairs

Only essential or emergency repairs/construction should occur at an occupied residence. Essential or emergency repairs include:

- a burst water service or a serious water service leak
- a blocked or broken toilet
- a serious roof leak
- a gas leak
- a dangerous electrical fault
- flooding or serious flood damage
- serious storm, fire or impact damage
- a failure or breakdown of the gas, electricity or water supply
- a failure or breakdown of an essential service or appliance on the property for hot water, cooking or heating
- a fault or damage that makes the property unsafe or insecure
- a fault or damage likely to injure a person, damage property or unduly inconvenience a tenant
- a serious fault in a staircase, lift or other common area of the property that unduly inconveniences a tenant in gaining access to, or using, the property.

If you are in a **lockdown area**, there is no limit on the number of workers that can come to your home. However, you should ensure that those workers wear face masks and that you maintain physical distancing wherever possible

All other repairs are routine repairs and should be delayed until after the lockdown has finished. If you are part way through a renovation, ensuring that the premises is safe, accessible, secure, and has functioning amenities such as kitchen, bathroom and laundry is considered essential.

Commercial construction at unoccupied premises can continue during lockdown.

Travel To/From a Lockdown Area

You can return to your home outside of a locked down area, but you must follow the same lockdown rules when you return home. All members of your household must also follow the lockdown rules.

If you live outside of a locked down area, you can enter a locked down area for any of the essential purposes, but not for shopping or exercise. If you enter a locked down area, you must follow the locked down rules when you are in a locked down area and when you leave the locked down area.

You can also transit through a locked down area without stopping.

Businesses and Events – other than Places of Worship

The following businesses and activities in the impacted areas must close during the lockdown period unless an exception applies:

- Retail food services including pubs, restaurants, cafes and fast-food outlets except for takeaway and home delivery services
- Entertainment facilities such as theatres, cinemas, music halls and concert halls
- Face-to-face learning at universities, TAFEs or other higher education settings.
- Major sports stadiums convention centres and showgrounds

- Indoor and outdoor events such as marathons, cultural festivals, fetes, expos
- Theme parks, outdoor amusement parks, tourism experiences and arcades
- Zoos, aquariums and wildlife centres, except to provide maintenance and care for animals
- Hairdressers
- Amusement centres such as places to play billiards, pool, pinball machines or video games
- Gyms, health clubs, fitness centres, yoga, barre, spin facilities and dance studios
- Indoor and outdoor sporting centres and venues including netball, golf, tennis and lawn bowls
- Public playgrounds, skateparks, BMX tracks and outside gyms including static exercise equipment in Council parks
- Public barbeques such as barbeques in public spaces or shared facilities
- Spas, nail salons, hairdressers, beauty salons, waxing salons, tanning salons, tattoo parlours, non-therapeutic massage and water-based spa services
- Massage parlours unless providing massage therapy for the management or prevention of disease, injury or condition by a registered health practitioner or qualified massage therapist
- Auction houses
- Betting agencies and gaming lounges
- Casinos, gaming or gambling venues, including wagering outlets that are accessible by members of the public
- Markets, except for food and farmers markets only selling food
- Galleries, museums and libraries
- Community facilities, such as community halls excluding the provision of hosting essential voluntary or public services such as foodbanks and homeless services
- Sex on premises services, sex services premises and strip clubs
- Public swimming pools (apartment/body corporate complex pools can stay open if they are only used by permanent residents)
- Nightclubs

Commercial construction can continue at unoccupied premises. Where construction is on an occupied premises, essential/ emergency construction can continue however interactions between workers and residents, staff or visitors to the workplace should be kept to a minimum.

Non-Impacted Areas

Church Activities – Rest of QLD

- Occupant Density:
 - in an *indoor space*, no more than 1 person per 2 square metres; or
 - in an *indoor space*, up to 100 per cent of seated venue capacity provided all attendees are in *ticketed and allocated seating*
- Weddings in an *outdoor space*:
 - do not have to collect *contact information*.
 - do not have an occupant density limit, but must comply with any other requirements of the [Direction](#) including dancing i.e. no more than 1 person per 2 square meters.
- Weddings at an *indoor space* may operate in accordance with:
 - no more than 1 person per 2 square metres; or

- a maximum of 200 people, whichever is greater.
- Funerals in an *outdoor space*:
 - do not have to collect *contact information*.
 - do not have an occupant density limit.
- Funerals at an *indoor space* may operate in accordance with:
 - no more than 1 person per 2 square metres; or
 - a maximum of 200 people, whichever is greater.
- Contact Information – churches must make all reasonable efforts to electronically collect *contact information* about all attendees and staff at the time of entry by either:
 - requesting use the *Check In Qld app*, or
 - registering people through the *Business Profile mode* of the *Check In Qld app*.
- COVID Safe Checklist
 - the [COVID Safe Checklist for Restricted Businesses](#) outlines the control measures that need to be implemented by restricted businesses
 - Churches as restricted businesses must ensure that a signed copy of the Checklist is displayed on the premises.
 - The below links provide specific guidance on implementing each element of the Checklist.
 - [Enhanced Cleaning](#)
 - [Health and Hygiene](#)
 - [Occupant Density and Physical Distancing](#)
 - [Contact Tracing](#)
 - [Workplace Health and Safety](#)

Masks – Rest of QLD

Anyone who has not been in an impacted area, are only required to wear a mask in some locations such as major sports stadiums, airports and on domestic flights, and more information can be found [here](#).

QLD Health recommend everyone else in Queensland should keep a mask with them so that if you are in a situation where you may not be able to maintain physical distancing, you have some added protection.