8 August 2021 – Easing of Restrictions and Lockdowns in South-East Queensland

The lockdown in South-East Queensland ended at 4pm Sunday, 8 August 2021. Some restrictions will continue to apply until 4pm 22 August 2021. You must still wear a face mask at all times, including at work, except when eating, drinking or exercising with your household or one other person. Schools will reopen. All staff and high school students must wear a face mask. There are limits on the number of people allowed at events, business venues and gatherings.

These restrictions apply to these Local Government Areas:
- Noosa
- Sunshine Coast
- Ipswich
- Logan
- Redlands
- Gold Coast
- the Scenic Rim
- the Lockyer Valley
- Moreton
- Brisbane
- Somerset

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 (even where physical distancing is possible), unless it is unsafe, or you are working alone in a closed office or room.
- 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 need to wear a face mask outdoors, unless you are:
- alone
- just with people from your home or
- doing challenging physical exercise, OR
- it is unsafe to wear a mask.

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.

Community and organised sport is not allowed. This means organised sporting events are also not allowed. For example, marathons, park runs, fun runs and triathlons are not permitted. School sport is allowed only with students from the same school.

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 open 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 10 people in total, including the people you live with. Where a household already has 10 or more people residing there, only people undertaking required work, essential caring or childcare may enter in addition to the household members. Private gatherings in public, such as BBQ’s and other parties are limited to 10 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 50 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 20 people attend a funeral gathering. Count yourself, your family and all others.

Wedding ceremonies:
• You can have no more than 20 people at your wedding event. Count yourself, your family and all others. Dancing is allowed for all wedding attendees.

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.

Businesses, venues and events
• Businesses and venues can have 1 person per 4 square metres indoors, 1 person per 2 square metres outdoors or 50 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 50 per cent capacity, with ticketed and allocated seating.
● Businesses must use the Check in app.

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.

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COVID-19 support
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.