December 2020

COVID Safe events during the holiday season

The holiday season is a good time to celebrate safely. Attending gatherings or events is a great way to feel connected to other people and is good for your wellbeing. It is important that we stay COVID-19 safe this holiday season.

Everyone’s responsibility during events

Physical distancing
- Stay at least 1.5 meters (two big steps) away from other people. You don’t need to physically distance from people you live with.
- Sneeze or cough into your arm or a tissue (then put the used tissue in the bin).
- Wash your hands regularly. If handwashing facilities are not available, use a hand sanitiser.
- Businesses should use signs and fixtures like tables to encourage people to spread out.
- Avoid close contact with others if you are unwell. For example, touching, kissing, hugging and shaking hands.
- Remind other people of the COVID-19 rules.

Cleaning and hygiene
- Clean areas that people touch a lot at least every hour with detergent or disinfectant. For example, tables or door handles.
- Make sure everyone can wash their hands. They should have access to clean water, liquid soap and paper towels. If you do not have a place to wash hands, make sure you provide hand sanitiser.

Food and drinks
- Set up separate areas for people to pay and collect their food.
- Provide food, drinks and snacks on individual plates. Avoid sharing utensils such as spoons.
- Wash plates, cutlery and glasses in a dishwasher.
- It is okay for people to use public water taps.

Dancing
- Dancing is allowed inside and outside at all venues in Queensland. Make sure you do not crowd together on the dance floor.
Group photos
- Group photos are allowed in informal settings. For example, with your family and friends or at a ceremony, place of worship, school event, or an end of year function. Stay at least 1.5 meters (two big steps) from people you don't live with.
- Each family or group should stay at least 1.5 metres apart when taking a photo with Santa. Physical contact with Santa is not allowed.
- Book in to visit Santa before you go so you don’t need to line up with other people.
- Clean areas that are used for organised photos with detergent or disinfectant. For example, the area where Santa sits. This should be done at least every 1 hour.
- This also applies to taking organised photos with other religious or cultural figures.

Gift donations such as giving to people in need
- You can give food, toys, gift vouchers and other things to charities. This is because there are no community COVID-19 cases in Queensland now. If new cases are found in the community, you might not be able to do this anymore.

For event organisers and businesses

Public Health Directions / COVID Safe Events Framework
- You must comply with Queensland Public Health Directions and the COVID Safe Events Framework.
- This means you must:
  - Use a COVID Safe Event Checklist or operate under an approved COVID Safe Event Plan or Industry Plan.
  - Put signs on the ground every 1.5 metres where people stand in lines.
  - Separate the entry from the exit if you can. This is to stop people from being too close together.
  - Hold activities outside or in a well-ventilated area if you can.
- You can check how many people you are allowed to have in an indoor or outdoor event here: www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions

Contact information
- You must collect the contact information of attendees if you are hosting an event or activity. This must include their name, phone number, email address and the date and time they attend. You need to keep this information for between 30 and 56 days. Keeping contact details will help Queensland Health to contact people if someone with COVID-19 attends the event.

Festival displays
- Make sure visitors stay at least 1.5 metres from other people unless they live together.
Discourage people from touching festive displays to minimise cleaning. Examples of festive displays are festive light displays and religious displays.

**Fireworks, events and activities in public spaces**
- Make sure people stay at least 1.5 metres from each other unless they live together.
- You can use signs and ask people to move if they are too close together.
- You can operate children’s rides and games in a retail premises.

**What will happen if there is another COVID-19 outbreak in Queensland?**
- The Queensland Government might introduce new restrictions if COVID-19 starts spreading in the community.
- Your event could be cancelled at short notice if this happens.
- Check the restrictions page on the Queensland Health website.

**For communities and families**

**COVID safe gatherings**
- You should hold gatherings outside or in a well-ventilated area if you can.
- You should follow the hygiene, physical distancing and other COVID-19 rules when attending a gathering.
- You must follow the usual local government rules for activities and gathering in public places. You can find these rules on your local government’s website.

**Community events**
- You must collect the contact information of attendees if you are holding a community event. This must include their name, phone number, email address and the date and time they attend.
- If you are organising a community event, you might need a COVID Safe Event Plan or COVID Safe Event Checklist. This depends on how many people will attend your event and if you are holding it inside or outside. You can find more information here: https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/covid-safe-events.

**Further information**
You can find COVID-19 health advice on the Queensland Government website. This includes COVID-19 phone numbers in Queensland, rules about COVID-19 and how to protect yourself and others.

- Call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84) and ask for an interpreter. It is free.