22 July 2021 Public health alert: NSW, Victoria and South Australia COVID-19 warning and border closure

From 1am Friday 23 July all of New South Wales (NSW) will be a COVID-19 hotspot. Victoria and South Australia continue to be COVID-19 hotspots. You should not travel to these areas.

You cannot enter Queensland from a COVID-19 hotspot unless you are returning home or have a special exemption. Anyone entering Queensland from a COVID-19 hotspot will be directed to hotel quarantine. You will have to pay for it yourself.

People who live in the NSW border zone can enter Queensland for some permitted activities without quarantine, such as work, school or for essential supplies. You must have a Queensland Entry Pass. You must not have been to parts of NSW outside of the border zone in the last 14 days. You can find a map and details about the border zone here.

Queensland Health is asking ALL Queenslanders experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, especially if they have recently returned from New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, to immediately get tested and isolate until they receive a negative result. If you have also been in contact with someone who have recently been to any of these areas, you should monitor for any symptoms and get tested.

It is important you get tested and isolate until you receive your results to help prevent transmission to others in the community. Getting infected with COVID-19 from someone in your community can happen very fast, as we have seen recently in Victoria and NSW.

You can get tested for free at a Queensland Health fever clinic, or at a local respiratory clinic. You can find your closest COVID-19 testing location here: www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/testing-and-fever-clinics. Or you can call 13 43 25 84 to find out where to go. If you need an interpreter, ask for one when you call. It is free.

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.

Anyone in Queensland, even if they have not travelled or been in contact with someone from a COVID-19 hotspot, should get tested if they have a fever, sore throat, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath or other COVID-19 symptoms. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found here: conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/838/novel-coronavirus.


You can also find more detail at www.health.qld.gov.au.
EXPLAINING DIRECTIONS

Travelling to Queensland
All people coming to Queensland from other parts of Australia or New Zealand must complete the QLD Entry Pass within three days before they travel. This includes Queensland Residents returning home and people visiting Queensland.

It is important that you have a QLD Entry Pass when you come to Queensland. If you do not have a QLD Entry Pass, the police will tell you to pay a fine. The fine will be $1,334. The police can ask to see your QLD Entry Pass any time for 14 days from the day you travelled to Queensland.

If you are travelling from a COVID-19 hotspot you may also have to quarantine in a government arranged hotel in QLD. You will have to pay for the cost yourself.

Contact Tracing and Exposure Venues
When someone gets COVID-19, health officials track where they have been and the people who they have been around. Exposure venues are places that a person infected with COVID-19 has visited. This could be a shop, restaurant, or airport.

If you went to an exposure venue at the same time as an infected person, you are a ‘close contact’ and at risk of COVID-19. If you are a close contact, you must follow the instructions on the contact tracing page or phone Queensland Health on 13 42 68. A public health professional may contact you first and give you instructions.

If you realise you have been to an exposure venue in Queensland or another state you must:
- go straight home or to your accommodation, do not catch public transport.
- quarantine at home or in your accommodation for 14 days from the date you visited the venue, watch for symptoms
- contact Queensland Health on 13 42 68. They will tell you what to do.

You cannot visit hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and disability accommodation services if you have been to an exposure venue in the last 14 days.

COVID-19 hotspots
The place you came from could be a COVID-19 hotspot. COVID-19 Hotspots are places where COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in the community. Anyone who lives in Queensland who visited a COVID-19 hotspot in another state or territory in the last 14 days must quarantine in a hotel when they come back to Queensland. It is important that people from Queensland do not travel to COVID-19 Hotspots.

COVID-19 testing
If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or are at risk because of where you have been, get tested immediately. You can find a testing site near you at this website: https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/testing-and-fever-clinics#testing-centre-map.
Quarantine
If you travel to Queensland from a COVID-19 Hotspot or interstate exposure venue, the Queensland Government might tell you to quarantine in a government arranged accommodation. You will need to pay for it yourself.
You may also need to quarantine in Queensland if, in the last 14 days:
- you have had COVID-19, or you have recovered from COVID-19
- you have been in a COVID-19 hotspot, interstate exposure site or overseas
- you had close contact with a person who has COVID-19
- you had COVID-19 symptoms.


Visiting Hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and disability accommodation services
You cannot visit hospital, residential aged care facilities, or disability accommodation services if you have been to a COVID-19 hotspot or exposure venue. You can visit someone who is end of life but you must check with the facility you can do this before visiting and apply for an exemption here: [www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/exemptions](www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/exemptions)

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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.

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