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Event COVID-19

# **Key Messaging**

# **Key updates**

- As at 7.00am on Sunday 17 May 2020, Queensland has recorded 1,055 cases, no more than yesterday. This includes 1,037 cases who have recovered. \*
- The North Rockhampton Nursing Centre remains in lockdown following a nurse testing positive to COVID-19
  on 14 May. All staff and residents tested so far have returned negative results. Residents from one wing of the
  facility have been temporarily relocated.
- The Queensland Government has a three-stage plan for a COVID-safe Queensland, allowing more travel, more activities and larger gatherings. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/updates/premier-maps-road-to-easing-restrictions">https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/updates/premier-maps-road-to-easing-restrictions</a>
- Download the voluntary COVIDSafe app to help slow the spread of coronavirus through early notification of possible exposure. COVIDSafe is available on both iOS and Android. Visit <u>covidsafe.gov.au</u> for full details.
- Queenslanders are urged to get their flu vaccination as soon as possible with the peak season from June to September. Vaccinations are available at doctors' surgeries, local pharmacies or at the workplace.
- For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 including government support, visit covid19.qld.gov.au.
- \* NB: Changes may occur in the number of notifications reported from day to day. This is due to Queensland Health's ongoing maintenance and update of notification details as new information becomes available, or where discrepancies are detected through data quality assurance activities.

# **Key guidelines**

- From 11.59pm, Friday May 15, the following will be permitted in Queensland as part of Stage One of the Roadmap to easing restrictions:
  - Five visitors to your home from different households
  - O Gatherings of a maximum of 10 people together in a public space
  - O Dining in at restaurants, pubs, clubs, RSLs and cafes for a maximum of 10 patrons at one time (with a Covid Safe checklist) (no bars or gaming)
  - O Recreational travel of a radius of up to 150km from your home (for day trips only)
  - Some beauty therapies and nail salons for up to 10 people at one time (with a Covid Safe checklist)
  - O Reopening of libraries, playground equipment, skate parks and outdoor gyms (a maximum of 10 people at one time)
  - O Wedding guests increased to 10 people and funeral attendance increased to 20 indoors or 30 outdoors
  - Open homes and auctions with a maximum of 10 people at one time
  - O Re-opening public pools and lagoons (eg South Bank, Cairns, Airlie Beach) with a maximum of 10 people at a time or greater numbers with an approved plan



- For Outback Queensland, two special concessions have been made:
  - O Dining in at pubs and cafes will be up to 20 for locals only; and
  - Recreational travel of a radius of up to 500 kilometres and remaining within the Outback region (overnight/multi-night stays permitted).
- Queenslanders must practice social distancing as much as possible.
- The numbers allowed are a maximum. All businesses allowed to operate must ensure they adhere to one person per four-square-metres.
- The Chief Health Officer has declared three Victorian local government areas as COVID-19 hotspots. Queens-landers returning from the area will need to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- All Queenslanders returning home from interstate require a valid Queensland Entry Pass. Online applications can be made at <a href="mailto:qld.gov.au/border-pass">qld.gov.au/border-pass</a>.
- An exempt resident who arrives in Queensland must self-quarantine for 14 days if they have been in a COVID-19 hotspot area unless their travel was for an essential purpose. Interstate freight services remain exempt.
- There are special exemptions for border communities in New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern
  Territory. People who live interstate near the border will be able to continue to travel to Queensland for work,
  obtain essential goods and services and for other permitted purposes.
- Failure to comply with quarantine directions can result in penalties of up to \$13,345 for individuals and up to \$66,672.50 for corporations.

### **Health and Ambulance**

- To date, most of Queensland's cases are either people who have recently returned from overseas or have had close contact with those people.
- Wash your hands often and properly with soap and water, or use alcohol-based rub.
- Practice social distancing, which means:
  - O Stay at home if you are sick
  - O Keep 1.5 metres away from others as much as possible
  - O Avoid shaking hands, kissing or hugging others
  - O If you can, work from home
- Most people (around 80%) will only develop mild illness and recover easily. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems are more likely to develop severe illness.
- You are at higher risk of infection if you have had face-to-face contact with a confirmed case for more than 15 minutes or have shared an enclosed space with them for more than two hours.
- In Queensland, testing may be done for people who have fever (or history of fever) OR acute respiratory symptoms (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath). If you meet this criteria, contact a doctor immediately. Your doctor will decide if you need to be tested for COVID-19.
- It's normal to feel concerned when big events happen in the world. We have tips in our blog post about <u>how</u> to look after your mental wellbeing in a crisis.
- Stay up-to-date with accurate information by visiting <u>health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus</u>.
- The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) has implemented extra screening measures for patients calling Triple Zero (000) to identify potential COVID-19 cases.
- Transport to hospital of children who have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 remains unchanged. The QAS attempts to ensure a parent, guardian or carer is transported safely with children but on rare occasions, where the paramedic team are undertaking complex care, they may be transported in the front of the vehicle or in a second ambulance vehicle.



# **Queensland Government assistance**

- The Queensland Government has committed over \$6 billion worth of COVID-19 support initiatives, including measures for impacted businesses, workers, households and communities. These include:
  - o \$1.2 billion to expand fever clinics, emergency department capacity, acute care services and regional aeromedical services for remote communities.
  - O A \$1 billion concessional Jobs Support Loan facility, interest free for the first 12 months, to support businesses to keep Queenslanders in work.
  - O A \$1 billion Industry Support Package focused on large and regionally significant businesses to ensure they will be able to scale up and service the community when economic activity improves.
  - O Up to \$950 million in payroll tax relief including refunds, payment holidays and deferrals for eligible businesses as well as a tax exemption for JobKeeper payments.
  - o \$500 million to assist workers and businesses who lose their job or income, including the creation of the Jobs Finder portal.
  - \$500 million in utilities bill relief for households and businesses, including a \$200 credit for all 2.1 million Queensland homes to offset the cost of water and electricity and \$100 million in electricity bill rebates for eligible small and medium sized businesses.
  - \$400 million in support for retail and commercial tenants, delivered as land tax relief and payment deferrals. To apply, visit <u>gld.gov.au/landtax</u>.

#### Other support:

- A \$54.5 million passenger transport assistance package for regional bus, ferry, aviation services and personalised transport industry to ensure the sustainability of essential transport services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- O More than \$33.8 million in State land rent waived for 1 April to 30 September 2020 which applies to Land Act lessees, licensees or permit to occupy holders who conduct a business on state land.
- O For the resources sector, rent waived for 12-months on exploration land due between 1 April and 1 September, and the government has also frozen fees and charges until 1 July 2021. The government has also brought forward \$2.8 million in grant funds for innovative exploration in the North West Minerals Province
- O A \$28 million COVID-19 Grant Fund for the non-government sector to provide services to those affected by mental health, drug and alcohol issues, and Indigenous people.
- o \$27.25 million to assist business and industry with resilience and recovery strategies, targeted financial support and counselling. It includes fee relief through to July 2020 for tourism operators in National Parks impacted by decreased patronage.
- o \$24.7 million to deliver accommodation, funding for homelessness providers, and enhancements to the Home Assist Secure program.
- o \$14.7 million, or about \$2300 per farmer, invested in 2020-21 to keep water prices low for irrigators.
- o \$10.5 million to assist small-medium arts organisations. Visit <a href="mailto:arts.qld.gov.au/">arts.qld.gov.au/</a> for details.
- o \$7.5 million to meet the demand for domestic and family violence services.
- o \$3.5 million for Lifeline to continue its life saving counselling services, and \$1 million for Legacy.
- \$2.3 million to support Far North port businesses, providing rental relief for the region's tourism, resource and seafood sectors.

#### **Employment**



- A \$130 billion JobKeeper payment will provide eligible businesses a wage subsidy for about six million workers for up to six months.
- If you're affected by COVID-19, you can register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment at <u>servicesaustralia.gov.au/</u>.
- A Jobs Hub has been established to help people who are out of work because of coronavirus to find jobs, particularly in sectors facing increased demand. Visit <u>dese.gov.au/</u>.
- The online JobsFinder Queensland portal is open to connect Queenslanders who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 with new job opportunities. Any Queensland job seeker can register their details, skills and location, and access free online training at <a href="jobsfinder.qld.gov.au">jobsfinder.qld.gov.au</a>.

### **Business, Industry and Startups**

- Current Queensland and Australian Government support information is included on the Business Queensland website <a href="mailto:business.qld.gov.au/">business.qld.gov.au/</a> or by calling the Small Business Hotline on 1300 654 687.
- The Queensland Government is reaching out to manufacturers, suppliers and producers to identify supply chain gaps, to help keep production lines flowing and protect jobs. Please visit <a href="mailto:gld.gov.au/qld-supplies">gld.gov.au/qld-supplies</a>.
- The government is working with the Industry Capability Network to connect manufacturers who have capability with those seeking particular products. To access this service, visit <u>QLDCovid19.icn.org.au.</u>
- Businesses affected by the coronavirus can apply for a relief package to defer lodging and paying payroll tax returns until 31 July 2020.
- While most Trade Commissioners and their staff are working from home in the 16 offices in 12 countries, work is continuing with clients to ensure investment and export resumes when borders are re-opened.
- TIQ is working closely with Queensland exporters to understand the impacts of the crisis on their businesses and the support they will need in their recovery, including sector-specific industry roundtable discussions.
- New supply channels are being investigated to speed up trade between Queensland and China when borders re-open.
- The Australian Government has relaxed the eligibility criteria for the JobKeeper Payment, which should now
  allow startups to access this wage subsidy. Startups and scaleups should explore their eligibility and register if
  appropriate to receive information about JobKeeper.
- An Indigenous Business to Business service is being established to engage with the Indigenous business sector. It will use channels such as a hotline; online town hall meetings; social media networks; email and radio to engage with Queensland Indigenous business, in a culturally appropriate and trusted way, to provide support in response to COVID-19.
- WorkCover Queensland is supporting Queensland businesses, reassessing premiums and providing payment plan deferrals/extensions to those in need as a result of COVID-19.
- Social distancing requirements may cause concerns in the ongoing treatment of injured workers. WorkCover
  Queensland has increased the promotion of telehealth services to ensure continuity in workers' rehabilitation
  and return to work. The COVID-19 Telehealth Services Table of Costs applicable for workers' compensation is
  available at worksafe.qld.gov.au/.
- In general, WorkCover Queensland does not consider JobKeeper payments to constitute 'earnings' for the purposes of calculating weekly compensation payments to injured workers, nor do they constitute 'wages' for premium calculation. More detailed information and examples are available at <a href="worksafe.qld.gov.au/">worksafe.qld.gov.au/</a>.
- Safe Food Queensland has developed a <u>guideline and checklist</u> for agricultural, meat and livestock processing
  operations to mitigate risks in their workforce. Food businesses can also seek assistance to move to home delivery services.



### **Education and training**

- Queensland state school students will complete their staged return to regular classroom learning from Monday 25 May.
- Students in Years 2-10 will join their schoolmates from Kindy, Prep, Year 1, and Years 11 and 12 who were the first to go back on 11 May.
- Students with health support needs will continue to be supported and directed by their teachers while they learn from home. This will include the continuation of prepared lessons and materials being delivered by teachers for those students.
- If parents choose to keep their child at home, they remain responsible for their supervision, learning, safety and wellbeing at home or elsewhere.
- The learning@home website (qld.gov.au/learningathome) will remain available and will continue to be updated throughout Term 2, with new resources for students in Prep to Year 10. Students will also be able to view the curriculum-based television programs on three different stations program information is on the learning@home website.
- It is important that schools remain safe and hygienic environments and the following protocols remain in place:
  - Any staff and students who are unwell must not attend school
  - O All adults must maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres and must not gather in groups in and around school grounds, car parks, school gates and outside classrooms
  - O Parents should use stop, drop and go options rather than walking children into school grounds
  - O Strict personal hygiene protocols will continue to be observed, including the cleaning of high touch surfaces such as desks and door handles
- OSHC services will continue to operate before and after school care. This will include on-site OSHC or other services off site that cater for school age children, such as long day care or family day care. Parents are encouraged to contact their local OSHC provider to confirm arrangements.
- For more information visit ged.gld.gov.au.
- TAFE Queensland remains open and has transitioned courses to alternative modes of training delivery where possible.
- Study Queensland has launched the online Queensland Student Hub so international students have free counselling and a central point of contact for study, visa, accommodation and other critical resources during COVID-19. The Hub complements the initiatives of education institutions and charities. Any student aged 18 or over can access the Hub by visiting <a href="studyqueensland.qld.gov.au">studyqueensland.qld.gov.au</a>.

# Community well-being and support

- Older Queenslanders who need support to stay home and stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic can call the Community Recovery Hotline 1800 173 349.
- There were 28,471 Care Army registrations as at 4pm, 15 May.
- Around 34,621 seniors have received a Telephone Welfare check to provide social and emotional support, and check in to see if they had sufficient supplies of food, medication and other essential household items.
- A Beyond Blue coronavirus mental wellbeing service (<u>coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au</u> or 1800 512 348) is available for those who are struggling and feeling isolated.
- The Community Recovery Hotline is also available to support vulnerable Queenslanders in home quarantine who don't have any other means of support.



- Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) has developed accessible 'Easy Read' information, tools and checklists to support people with disability. Visit <u>adn.org.au</u>.
- Children who are vulnerable, including those receiving services from Child Safety or in out-of-home care, will be able to attend school during the learning from home period from the start of Term 2 to 22 May 2020.
- Foster carers aged 70 years and over, or 60 years and over with pre-existing medical conditions, and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander carers aged 50 years and over are encouraged to stay at home.
- Regularly updated COVID-19 information and resources for foster and kinship carers, parents and service providers is available at <a href="mailto:csyw.qld.gov.au/covid-19">csyw.qld.gov.au/covid-19</a>.
- People experiencing domestic and family violence may be vulnerable during periods of isolation. If you believe a friend, family member or neighbour is experiencing domestic and family violence, please contact DVConnect Womensline on 1800 811 811 (24 hours, 7 days) or DVConnect Mensline on 1800 600 636 (9am-midnight, 7 days). If they are in immediate danger or you fear for their safety, call Triple Zero (000) and ask for Queensland Police. For more information, support or resources, visit <a href="mailto:qld.gov.au/domesticviolence">qld.gov.au/domesticviolence</a>.
- Under a new regulation, tenants who have experienced excessive financial hardship cannot be evicted or
  listed in a tenancy database for rent arrears. Other measures which will soon take effect, will see tenants able
  to decline physical non-essential inspections but must allow virtual inspections, as well as further options for
  tenants experiencing domestic and family violence.
- A new online rental hub <u>covid19.qld.gov.au/the-hub</u> has information and resources to help tenants, property owners and agents.
- People experiencing, or at risk of homelessness can call the 24/7 hotline on 1800 474 753.
- Essential grocery items are reaching rural and remote regional communities, however ongoing shortages of some items, many which remain in short supply nationally, have been identified in some communities that may have only one grocery store.
- The Queensland Government is continuing to work closely with independent grocery suppliers, distributors and retailers to increase availability and replenish key items so communities have necessary supplies.

#### Tourism, recreation, arts, sport

#### Tourism

- Queensland's roadmap to easing restrictions has been released, giving tourism operators guidance on when to prepare to restart.
- The roadmap proposes that Queenslanders will be able to travel in the state, up to 250km within their region, during the June/July school holidays.
- The easing of restrictions now and in Stage One, means some tourism operators can restart their business for day-trippers, while implementing COVID-safe plans including social distancing.
- Existing restrictions remain in place for overnight stays, which allows for essential travellers only.
- Tourism businesses requiring information on how each stage in Queensland's three-step roadmap applies to them can check the <u>Q&As available on the COVID019 website</u>.
- Tourism businesses are urged to check advice at teq.queensland.com or business.qld.gov.au.

#### On the water

 Boaties can take their boat out for recreation, provided they stay within 150kms of their home for day trips only.



- Social distancing rules always apply special attention must be paid at congestion areas like boat ramps and refuelling points.
- Seqwater managed lakes and parks and Sunwater dams, lakes and weirs are open for day use-only.
- Seqwater and Sunwater operated dams and weirs are open for land and water-based recreation activities including swimming, boating, walking trails, skiing and fishing, however campgrounds in these areas remain closed and barbeque facilities will remain closed.
- Recreation areas in and around Lake Moondarra near Mount Isa and Awoonga Dam near Gladstone are open for day use. BBQ and some toilet facilities remain closed.
- Recreation areas in and around Charles Lloyd Jones Weir, East Leichhardt Dam, Jumna Dam, Loudon Dam,
   Proston Weir, Tipton Weir and Isis River Barrage and Corrella Dam are open for day use.
- Copperfield River Gorge Dam will reopen on 20 May.

#### **National Parks**

- All national park and state forest day use areas and walking tracks have reopened (except for some popular rock pool destinations).
- All camping areas remain closed.
- Recreation Areas including K'gari (Fraser Island), Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), and Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) have reopened for day use.
- Bribie and Cooloola recreation areas remain closed for four-wheel driving.
- Check Park Alerts before leaving home for up-to-date information for a specific location: www.des.qld.gov.au

#### The Arts

Arts Queensland is working to help manage any issues identified by the arts sector on a case by case basis
given current restrictions impacting creative programming, business operations and audience participation.

# Sport facilities

A number of Queensland Government sporting facilities are temporarily closed, and sport and active recreation activities suspended. Visit <a href="https://pw.qld.gov.au/">https://pw.qld.gov.au/</a> for information on closures. Contact clubs direct to discuss memberships or FairPlay vouchers.

#### Fossicking

- All Queensland fossicking areas are now open for day trips. Visit <a href="mailto:dnrme.qld.gov.au">dnrme.qld.gov.au</a> to find out more.
- To access these areas Queenslanders must stay within 150kms of their home or 500km for those who live in the outback, and observe social distancing measures.

### **Transport**

- With stay-at-home restrictions easing, people are urged to maintain social distancing where possible, avoid crowding on public transport services and listen to staff for advice.
- Public transport and school services continue to operate as normal. Visit <u>translink.com.au/</u>, call 13 12 30 for details or contact your service operator direct.
- In SEQ, parents should ensure their child has a go card with enough travel credit as public transport is currently operating cashless. Customers may have to board from the rear of the bus.
- Ferry timetables are subject to change, so check before you travel. Visit gld.gov.au/transport/public/transport/timetables/ferries.
- Taxi and rideshare services are running but standard social distancing measures should be followed.



All TMR customer service centres remain open, but mobile customer service units are closed. Customers are
encouraged to use online services where possible and cancel or reschedule bookings if customers are unwell
or required to self-isolate.

# Licensing and registration

- Several changes have been made to help Queenslanders with costs and requirements relating to personal and business vehicle registration if they are not currently using the vehicle. There is also a freeze on heavy vehicle registration fees until 30 June 2021. Visit <a href="mailto:gld.gov.au/transport/registration">gld.gov.au/transport/registration</a> for information.
- Customers who need to complete a transaction in person while unwell or self-isolating can call 13 23 80 for assistance.
- The Queensland Government has changed its medical certificate requirements for drivers 75 and over and drivers with a medical condition who must travel for essential purposes. Visit <a href="mailto:qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/update/medical/notify">qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/update/medical/notify</a>.
- From 25 May 2020, heavy vehicle practical driving tests will resume in several locations, including Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Maryborough, Toowoomba, Mount Isa, and all existing south-east Queensland test sites.
- Health and safety measures will be introduced to protect applicants and examiners, and heavy vehicle test bookings will be prioritised for those who had tests cancelled and emergency service drivers.
- Light vehicle practical driving tests remain suspended.
- For more information, visit <u>www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/getting/tests</u>.
- Queensland learner drivers can continue to earn their 100 hours' supervised driving requirement with free learner licence renewals also provided during this period.

# Air services

• Essential flights are continuing to operate in remote and regional Queensland, including Regional Express services, QantasLink, Skytrans and Hinterland Aviation services.

#### Water/Boaties

- Boaties can take their boat out for recreation, provided they stay within 150kms of their home for day trips only.
- Social distancing rules always apply special attention must be paid at congestion areas like boat ramps and refuelling points.
- Volunteer marine rescue organisations and MSQ continue to provide a marine distress emergency radio watch
  on marine VHF channels 16 and 67. Skippers are advised to notify a family member or close friend of their
  trip, including the route you intend to take, your destination and an estimated time of return, with instructions to call 000 if you do not return within a given period.
- A Notice to Mariners has been issued in relation to border restrictions Essential Movement only. Unless you have an essential reason for travelling to Queensland, remain in New South Wales or Northern Territory.

### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities**

- Strong measures have been implemented to limit the risk of COVID-19 reaching remote Aboriginal and Torres
   Strait Islander communities.
- People are restricted from entering remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that are designated areas under emergency provisions of the Biosecurity Act 2015 (Cwth).



- Relaxations coming into effect across Queensland at 11:59pm Friday 15 May 2020 do extend to these communities, and residents need to be aware of quarantine requirements if they leave the designated biosecurity area.
- Eased restrictions for outdoor gatherings will apply to remote and discrete communities and mean that people in the biosecurity zones can enjoy outdoor gatherings once playground equipment, parks, and public pools reopen.
- Changes mean community members are able to travel up to 150km from their home an increase from the current 50km radius but will have to meet quarantine requirements if they travel outside their designated biosecurity area.
- Anyone returning to their communities must go into quarantine for 14 days before entering unless they have an exemption.
- Further information is available at <u>datsip.qld.gov.au/coronavirus/travel-restrictions-remote-communities</u>.
- People travelling outside of the designated area for personal reasons such as for shopping, recreation including fishing, or visiting family and friends must factor quarantine time and costs into their travel plans.
- Strict penalties apply for anyone breaching the laws.
- Decisions regarding exemptions are made by the Local and Disaster Management Groups in consultation with Queensland Health Human Biosecurity Officers.
- Essential workers must have an approved 'human biosecurity management plan' before entering a restricted community and can only enter without a plan under emergency circumstances.
- The Queensland Government and local District Disaster Management Groups are facilitating emergency quarantine accommodation, where required, for those people returning home to their remote communities.
- Emergency quarantine accommodation is for people who are outside the biosecurity zone due to no fault of their own, and for other special cases where people do not have resources to support their own quarantine.
- Government-funded emergency quarantine is available in Cairns and Townsville for people currently living away from home due to the Biosecurity determination restrictions. Travel plans will be put in place for residents to ensure that they can return home once they have completed quarantine.
- The Queensland Government will support people needing to go into quarantine after traveling for essential services such as health treatment.
- The Queensland Government will continue to work in partnership with remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils so local leaders can make decisions for their communities' safety and well-being.

# **Agriculture and Resources**

- Queensland agriculture and commercial fishing businesses can hire seasonal workers under a new COVID-19
  framework, which includes mandatory health management plans, and entry and quarantine requirements for
  temporary visa holders and seasonal workers. Visit covid19.qld.gov.au for seasonal workers and visa holders,
  and employers information.
- People providing essential services for agriculture and aquaculture business purposes must apply for a Remote Communities Pass and a Generic Biosecurity Plan to enter remote communities in Queensland. Visit: <a href="mailto:business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/coronavirus-support/remote-communities-pass">business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/coronavirus-support/remote-communities-pass</a>.
- Backpackers and seasonal workers looking for harvest work should not show up to a farm. Register your availability at Harvest Trail jobsearch.gov.au/harvest. Or search for jobs at <a href="https://www.jobsfinder.qld.gov.au/">https://www.jobsfinder.qld.gov.au/</a>



- Primary producers can access firearms, ammunition and associated services to manage their properties by producing a Queensland Firearms Licence bearing any of a number of licence codes, including recreational user endorsements. Visit <u>business.gld.gov.au/covid19-agriculture</u> for requirements.
- Only exempt critical interstate fly-in-fly-out resource sector employees are allowed into Queensland, to protect remote and regional communities and local mine workforces. The changes do not affect FIFO or DIDO workers travelling from within Queensland.
- An exempt critical resources sector employee is critical to the ongoing operations of the site and company they work for. Application and exemption documents are available on the <u>Queensland Health</u> website. Read the guide on <u>preparing and lodging an application</u> for more information.
- The Chief Health Officer has declared three Victorian local government areas as COVID-19 hotspots. This new directive doesn't apply any further restrictions on the travel of critical resources sector employees.

### Police, Corrections, Youth Justice and Courts

- Police have issued 2,003 on-the-spot fines for breaches of Chief Health Officer directions as at 12.01am 17 May 2020.
- Border restrictions: As at 12.01am 17 May 2020, QPS has intercepted 184,586 vehicles at Queensland borders, with 5,805 people directed to quarantine, 2,393 vehicles turned around, and 169,445 people considered exempt after being stopped. As at 12.01am 17 May 2020, Airport arrivals: Of the 29,307 domestic passengers arriving, 4,500 quarantine notices have been issued.
- Queensland Courts are open and hearing cases, but there has been changes to court operations. Specific information for each court is available at <a href="mailto:courts.qld.gov.au/covid-19-response">court operations</a>. Specific information for each court is available at <a href="mailto:courts.qld.gov.au/covid-19-response">court operations</a>. Specific information for each court is available at <a href="mailto:courts.qld.gov.au/covid-19-response">court operations</a>. Specific information for each court is available at <a href="mailto:courts.qld.gov.au/covid-19-response">court operations</a>.
- The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal has made some changes to its operations. Visit <a href="mailto:gcat.qld.gov.au/about-qcat/covid-19">gcat.qld.gov.au/about-qcat/covid-19</a>.
- Measures have been implemented at Queensland prisons including being closed to visitors except essential officers and health staff. All new and transferring prisoners are being isolated for a period of 14 days.
- All personal visits to youth detention centres have ceased. All staff, young people and other essential workers
  are undergoing health screening, including temperature checks, before entering detention centres. The centres are working with families and other visitors to facilitate video link and phone contact.

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# **Hot Issues**

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