



## COVID-19 Update (as at 4pm, 6 May 2020)

### Overview and key developments

- As at 7.00am Wednesday 6 May Queensland has recorded 1043 confirmed cases, with no new cases since yesterday. Of the confirmed cases, 985 have recovered.
- As at 9.00pm Tuesday 5 May, Australia has recorded 6849 confirmed cases, 24 more than yesterday. Of the 6849 confirmed cases nationally, 96 have died from COVID-19. Six of these deaths have been Queenslanders.
- **Public Health Alert:** Any passengers seated in rows 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 on Qantas flight QF614 from Melbourne to Brisbane on 22 April 2020, who have not already been contacted by Queensland Health, should call 13 HEALTH and advise that you were a passenger on this flight. All other passengers are considered very low risk, however anyone with health concerns can contact 13 HEALTH.
- The Premier has announced an **additional \$2 million to help victims of domestic violence**, on top of a previous funding boost of \$5.5 million in April, as calls on support services increase during COVID-19.
- **Renewable energy projects** announced - including Australia's largest solar farm on the Darling Downs - will help stimulate economic activity emerging from the pandemic.
- The Queensland Government has launched **Boost Your Healthy**, a series of online videos and tips turning backyards into gyms and using Queensland's sporting greats as personal trainers and motivators. Visit <http://hw.qld.gov.au/boostyourhealthy/>.
- From Monday 11 May, students in **Kindy, Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12, will return to school and Community Kindergarten**. Children of essential workers, vulnerable children and children in designated Indigenous communities will continue to be able to attend school for supervision. If low transmission rates continue, students in **Years 2–10 will be able to return to school from Monday 25 May**. Confirmation of this next step will be made by 15 May. For more information visit <https://qed.qld.gov.au/>.
- The Queensland Government will meet with **hospitality and tourism operators** this week to discuss the implementation of COVID-safe measures ahead of further restrictions being eased.
- 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 [covid-safe.gov.au](https://covid-safe.gov.au) for full details.
- **National Cabinet** met yesterday with the key focus on getting Australians back to work. The National Cabinet will meet again on Friday with a focus on announcing a framework for the easing of restrictions.

### Public Health advice

- Queenslanders must stay home unless leaving their homes for reasons such as:
  - medical or health care needs, including compassionate needs;
  - exercise;
  - work and study if you can't work or learn remotely; and
  - shopping for essentials - food and necessary supplies;
  - recreational activities, if it's within 50km of your home, including:
    - shopping not considered as being for 'food and necessary supplies',
    - other activities such as going on a picnic, or going for drive.
- Wash hands often and properly with soap and water, or use alcohol-based rub.
- Practise social distancing, which means:
  - Stay home as much as possible.
  - Keep 1.5 metres away from others as much as possible.
  - Avoid shaking hands, kissing or hugging others.



- If you can, work from home.
- Limit outdoor gatherings to two people, unless you live in the same household.
- The number of people in a household is limited to the usual occupants, plus two visitors who are family or close friends.
- The Chief Health Officer has declared **greater Sydney as a COVID-19 hotspot**. Queenslanders returning from the area will need to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- 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.
- A Queensland **COVID-19 data website** provides a regional breakdown of COVID-19 numbers by Local Government Area and is updated daily. For further information, visit <http://health.qld.gov.au/covid-data>.
- Any form of **aggression or violence towards Queensland Government staff will not be tolerated**. During the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, any person who intentionally coughs, sneezes or spits at a public official or other worker, or threatens to do so, can be fined up to \$13,345, and may also face criminal charges.
- 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.
- For more information on testing and self-quarantine requirements visit: [www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus).

## Other services

- 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.
- Some Queensland **fossicking areas** are now open. Visit to [dnrme.qld.gov.au](http://dnrme.qld.gov.au) to find out which ones. You must stay within 50kms of home and social distancing measures apply.
- Strong measures have been implemented to limit the risk of COVID-19 reaching remote **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities**. Community members can travel up to 50kms from their home, but Biosecurity restrictions regarding entry and re-entry into remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities remain in place. Further information is available at [datsip.qld.gov.au/coronavirus/travel-restrictions-remote-communities](http://datsip.qld.gov.au/coronavirus/travel-restrictions-remote-communities).
- 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 [www.covid19.qld.gov.au](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au) for seasonal workers and visa holders and for employers information visit [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au).
- All Queenslanders returning home from interstate require a valid **Queensland Entry Pass**. Online applications can be made at <https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass>.

## Financial assistance

- The Queensland Government is providing more than \$4 billion in assistance to support Queenslanders and businesses through COVID-19. For information on all financial assistance and business and industry support announced by the Queensland Government, visit <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/> and [www.covid19.qld.gov.au/](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/).
- The Queensland Government will invest \$14.7 million, or about \$2300 per farmer, in 2020-21 to keep **prices low for irrigators**.

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- The Queensland Government will waive more than \$33.8 million in **State land rent** for 1 April to 30 September 2020 to help support business during COVID-19. Land rent relief applies to Land Act lessees, licensees or permit to occupy holders who conduct a business on state land.
- An **online rental hub** has information and resources to help tenants, property owners and agents. Visit [covid19.qld.gov.au/the-hub](https://covid19.qld.gov.au/the-hub).
- An **online jobs portal** is available to connect Queenslanders who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 with new job opportunities. Visit [www.jobsfinder.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobsfinder.qld.gov.au).
- 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. For more information: <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration>.
- The Australian Government has announced a range of support measures including the JobKeeper payment, Higher Education Relief Package, Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package and a Jobs Hub. For more details on Australian Government measures and assistance, visit [www.australia.gov.au](http://www.australia.gov.au).
- **Centrelink** - If you're affected by coronavirus (COVID-19), you can register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment at [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/).

## Community assistance

- Australians are urged to donate blood to maintain our blood reserves in the coming months.
- To support seniors who don't have family, friends or neighbours, register for the Care Army on the Community Recovery Hotline 1800 173 349 or at [qld.gov.au/CareArmy](http://qld.gov.au/CareArmy).
- Translated Australian and Queensland health resources on COVID-19 are available at [www.covid19.qld.gov.au/translations-and-resources](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/translations-and-resources).
- People experiencing domestic and family violence may be vulnerable during periods of isolation. For help call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or visit [www.qld.gov.au/domesticviolence](http://www.qld.gov.au/domesticviolence).
- A domestic and family violence reporting tool is available: <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/domestic-violence>.
- Counselling services for anyone at any time are available from [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au) or phone 13 11 14.
- Additional Mental Health services and resources are available here: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/mental-health/help-lines/services>.
- The Australian Government has announced a new Beyond Blue coronavirus mental wellbeing service: Visit: <https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/> or Phone 1800 512 348.