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Important information for tourism operators throughout Queensland

BRISBANE CITY



This morning the Queensland Government has declared the Greater Brisbane region as a COVID-19 hotspot, with a three-day lockdown in place from 6:00pm AEST today, 8 January to 6:00pm AEST Monday, 11 January 2021. **Find out what this means for tourism operators around the state.**

Guests already in other parts of Queensland/Australia who've been in Greater Brisbane since 2 January 2021

If you have guests already staying with you who have been in the Greater Brisbane area since 2 January, these people are asked to stay where they are and isolate for the

lockdown period.

Greater Brisbane residents who have been in other parts of Queensland/Australia since before 2 January 2021

These guests are fine to continue their holiday as planned. They can enter Greater Brisbane from outside the region to return home during the lockdown period, and must abide by all restrictions once home.

Brisbane guests due to check in today before 6:00pm

While the lockdown commences at 6:00pm AEST, the advice remains that if you've been in Greater Brisbane since 2 January, you should stay where you are and isolate during the lockdown period.

Brisbane guests due to check in over the weekend/after 6:00pm tonight

Brisbane residents can only leave home for four essential reasons. Leisure travel is not one of the reasons.

Visitors arriving into Brisbane

People can continue to arrive to Greater Brisbane from outside the region to return home, stay at a residence such as a family member's home or hotel, or for an essential purpose such as work or for essential health care. However, if they do, they are required to comply with all the requirements contained in the Direction, including staying at home and wearing a mask when leaving their place of accommodation.

Visitors transiting through Brisbane

Visitors can travel through the Greater Brisbane area to get from one destination to another (e.g. From the Gold Coast to the Sunshine Coast; or from an area of Australia that is not a declared hotspot to an area of Queensland that is not a declared hotspot – e.g. fly from Adelaide to Brisbane and then on to Cairns). If driving, they must do so without stopping and must travel in a private vehicle, such as their own car, a rideshare car or taxi. They must not transit through the Greater Brisbane area by any other mode of transport – i.e. public transport. If flying, they must not leave the airport.

Visitors currently on the islands within the Greater Brisbane region

Greater Brisbane residents who are currently on an island within the Greater Brisbane region can return home, as there is no kilometre limit for travel within the Greater Brisbane region itself. However, residents should travel directly home and then continue to comply with the stay at home direction, only leaving for the four essential reasons.

Visitors to the islands from outside the Greater Brisbane region should remain in place during the lockdown, or depart prior to 6:00pm AEST Friday, 8 January, and then

isolate for the lockdown period.

Further information

There is a vast range of Q&As available on [Queensland Health's website here](#), with further information continuing to be added throughout the day.

Any guest showing symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild, should get tested and isolate until they receive a negative result.

It is also as important as ever to ensure cleaning and hygiene practices are thorough.

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