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# New roadmap released

Queensland's COVID Safe Future

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| STAGES 1-3 Easing<br>HOW FAR WE'VE COME...   | COVID Safe Check Point | STAGE 4<br>Subject to results of COVID Safe Check Point<br>From 1am 1 October 2020   | COVID Safe Check Point | STAGE 5<br>Subject to results of COVID Safe Check Point<br>From 1am 1 November 2020   | COVID Safe Check Point | STAGE 6<br>Subject to results of COVID Safe Check Point<br>From 1am 1 December 2020   |
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| <p><b>Due to Queenslanders' hard work, strong borders, testing and rapid response, restrictions have eased.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; We can go for dinner or drinks at our favourite pubs, clubs, cafés and restaurants.</li><li>&gt; Our kids can go to school and play sport.</li><li>&gt; All Queensland businesses and activities are able to open and run with appropriate measures in place.</li><li>&gt; We can attend both big and small events.</li><li>&gt; We can travel freely across Queensland, staying for as little or as long as we like.</li><li>&gt; Visitors and returned travellers from five of the seven other states and territories can enter Queensland without having to complete mandatory quarantine.</li><li>&gt; We have a multidisciplinary team of experts prioritising exemptions for medical reasons.</li></ul> |                        | <p><b>BORDERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>Border zone:</b> Additional local government areas included in the declared Border zone across Northern NSW.</li></ul> <p><b>RESTRICTION EASING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>Standing eating and drinking:</b> Standing eating and drinking permitted at indoor and outdoor venues with a COVID Safe Plan or Checklist (from 4pm Friday 2 October 2020).</li></ul> <p><b>Let's move Queensland outside</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>Outdoor density:</b> Outdoor density requirements relaxed for businesses with a COVID Safe Plan or Checklist to one person per 2m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. outdoor dining, beer gardens and theme parks).</li><li>&gt; <b>Outdoor events:</b> Increase the maximum number of attendees permitted at outdoor events with a COVID Safe Events Checklist from 500 to 1000.</li><li>&gt; <b>Open air stadiums:</b> Increasing the seated capacity of outdoor stadiums and amphitheatres from up to 50% to up to 75% with a COVID Safe Plan.</li></ul> |                        | <p><b>BORDERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>NSW:</b> Visitors and returned travellers from New South Wales can enter Queensland with a valid Queensland Border Declaration Pass without having to complete mandatory quarantine, provided community transmission is under control (including whether there have been any unlinked cases in the previous 28 days).</li></ul> <p><b>RESTRICTION EASING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>Gatherings:</b> Gatherings of up to 40 people in homes and public spaces across Queensland.</li><li>&gt; <b>Weddings:</b> Up to 40 people can dance at a wedding with a COVID Safe Plan.</li></ul> <p><b>If there is community transmission in Queensland, measures in impacted parts of the State may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Gatherings reduced to 10 in homes and public spaces</li><li>&gt; Increased testing</li><li>&gt; Wearing of masks</li><li>&gt; Aged care, disability accommodation, hospitals and corrections restrictions put in place</li><li>&gt; Increased use of PPE in aged care facilities and hospitals</li><li>&gt; People need to be seated in indoor venues</li><li>&gt; Dancing at weddings will be reduced.</li></ul> |                        | <p><b>RESTRICTION EASING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>Gatherings:</b> Gatherings of up to 50 people in homes and public spaces across Queensland.</li><li>&gt; <b>Outdoor events:</b> Increase the maximum number of attendees permitted at outdoor events with a COVID Safe Events Checklist from 1000 to 1500.</li><li>&gt; <b>Weddings:</b> Unlimited dancing at weddings with a COVID Safe Plan.</li><li>&gt; Further review of dancing restrictions to be undertaken.</li></ul>  <p><i>Borders, as at 1 October 2020.<br/>For more information, visit <a href="https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au">COVID19.qld.gov.au</a></i></p> <p><b>BORDERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>Victoria:</b> Remains closed until community transmission is under control (including whether there have been any unlinked cases in the previous 28 days).</li></ul> |

**COVID Safe Check Points**  
Queensland Health will undertake a review at each COVID Safe Check Point. The review includes:

- > A check that testing is widespread and there is no community transmission
- > Analysis of state, interstate and international trends and data
- > Analysis that a move to the next stage of easing of restrictions will not present unnecessary risks.

**THE 'NEW NORMAL'**

- Maintain physical distancing (1.5m)
- Wear a mask when distancing is not possible (particularly in enclosed spaces)
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Stay at home when sick
- Allow for effective contact tracing
- Rapidly responding to outbreaks
- Travel restrictions from hot spots



The Queensland Government has today released a new roadmap to Queensland's COVID Safe Future, outlining planned easing of restrictions between now and the end of the year.

Queensland is now at Stage Four, allowing increased outdoor densities and, from 4:00pm this afternoon, standing while eating and drinking will be allowed again.

The future roadmap is subject to COVID Safe Check Points, and it also outlines what restrictions would be reintroduced to affected regions if an outbreak were to occur within the state.

There are also targets for Queensland's border to open up to New South Wales and Victoria, subject to community transmission levels of COVID-19 in those states.

**SEE THE NEW ROADMAP**



## What business owners and event organisers need to do

Following the changes to restrictions in place from 1 and 2 October 2020:

- **Change to outdoor venue capacity** (one person per two square metres allowed for outdoor venues, including outdoor vessels, from 1 October) **and change to allow eating and drinking while standing up** (from 4:00pm, 2 October) - businesses who have a COVID Safe Plan in place already do not need to do anything, just continue to operate to that plan but double your capacity. The basic principles of social distancing, cleaning and hygiene still apply.
- **Change to capacity for outdoor stadiums, amphitheatres and outdoor performance venues** (up to 75 per cent) - outdoor venues continue to follow their existing COVID Safe Plan, with patronage allowed up to 75 per cent of total capacity.
- **Change to outdoor events** (outdoor events up to 1,000 people can now follow the COVID Safe Events Checklist) - ensure you are familiar with the requirement of the checklist and event approval procedures. [Read more here.](#)

These restrictions are formally detailed in the [Restrictions on Business, Activities and Undertakings Public Health Direction \(No. 7\)](#).

### Change to border restrictions

Queensland's border is now open to the ACT, and areas of Northern NSW can travel throughout Queensland without needing an exemption, or having to quarantine on entry. [Read the information here.](#)

*What you need to do:* If you have a guest or customer who you suspect may have been in a hotspot in the previous 14 days prior to you hosting them, and/or they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, you have the right to refuse service and urge them to be tested.



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