

16 July 2021

Restrictions in Queensland

Restrictions for Impacted Areas – South East Queensland

Queensland Health is continuing to actively respond to the declared public health emergency in relation to COVID (19). Decisions regarding the public health response, and the impact that this may have on essential healthcare and clinical placements, are made by the Chief Health Officer under the *Public Health Act 2005* to ensure the continued safety of Queensland communities.

From 6:00am Friday, 16 July 2021, the following Directions, in addition to current precautions including the [Hospital Entry Direction](#), came into effect:

- [Queensland COVID-19 Restricted Areas Direction \(No.17\)](#)
- [Restrictions for Impacted Areas Direction \(No.9\)](#)

These arrangements are intended to limit the further spread COVID-19 and allow an assessment of risk of any further exposure in the community. Decisions regarding the public health response, and the impact that this may have on essential healthcare are made by the Chief Health Officer to ensure the continued safety of Queensland communities.

Impacted areas include the following South East Queensland Local Government Areas (LGA's):

- Ipswich City Council
- Logan City Council
- Redland City Council
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- Gold Coast City Council
- Noosa Shire Council
- Somerset Regional Council
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council
- Scenic Rim Regional Council
- Brisbane City Council
- Moreton Bay Regional Council

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Information regarding the use and escalation of personal protective equipment (PPE) can be found on the dedicated [Queensland Health PPE webpage](#) and in the [Pandemic Response Guidance – Personal Protective Equipment in Healthcare Delivery](#).

For entities external to Queensland Health, a decision to follow recommended PPE protocols rests with the responsible Chief Executive or equivalent for that entity, except where a Directive requires use of PPE (such as for residential aged care facilities).

The impacted LGAs above have been determined by the Chief Health Officer to be in the “moderate” risk category for the purposes of determining appropriate PPE.

All other LGAs remain in the 'low' risk category, including Townsville and Palm Island LGAs. It is important to note, however, that all residential aged care facilities and disability residential care facilities throughout Queensland must also implement "moderate" precautions.

Clinicians and non-clinical personnel who live or work in the impacted areas who also work in other facilities or areas outside the escalated LGAs should follow the requirement for escalated PPE.

Enquiries

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