

Government Relations Strategy

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Queensland's COVID Safe Roadmap

Today, the Queensland Government unveiled a roadmap for the easing of remaining coronavirus restrictions. This comes after Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young advised yesterday that it was unlikely the Government would need to impose new restrictions going forward.

From October 1

Additional local government areas have been added to the declared border zone across northern NSW. The 'border bubble' now extends to Byron Bay.

From 4pm Friday October 2, standing eating and drinking will be permitted at indoor and outdoor venues with a COVID Safe Plan or Checklist.

The government is encouraging outdoor dining and activities. From October 1, outdoor density requirements were relaxed for businesses with a COVID Safe Plan or Checklist to one person per $2m^2$. Outdoor dining, beer gardens and theme parks will benefit from the increased capacity.

The maximum number of attendees permitted at outdoor events with a COVID Safe Events Checklist has been increased from 500 to 1000. This will apply to events such as Christmas Carols.

The seated capacity of outdoor stadiums and amphitheatres has increased from 50% to 75%, where there is a COVID Safe Plan in place.

From November 1

Visitors and returned travellers from NSW can enter Queensland with a valid Queensland Border Declaration Pass without having to complete mandatory hotel quarantine, provided community transmission is under control, including whether there has been any unlinked cases in the previous 28 days.

Gatherings of up to 40 people in homes and public spaces can take place across Queensland.

Up to 40 people will be permitted to dance at a wedding with a COVID Safe Plan.

From December 1

Gatherings of up to 50 people in homes and public spaces across Queensland will be permitted.

The maximum number of attendees permitted at outdoor events with a COVID Safe Events Checklist may increase from 1000 to 1500.

Unlimited dancing at weddings with a COVID Safe Plan will be permitted. Further review of restrictions will be undertaken.

Should community transmission reoccur in Queensland, localised measures may include:

- Gatherings reduced to 10 in homes and public spaces.
- Increased testing.
- Wearing of masks.

- Aged care, disability accommodation, hospitals and corrections restrictions put in place.
- Increased use of PPE in aged care facilities and hospitals.

- People need to be seated in indoor venues.
- Dancing at weddings will be reduced.

The Queensland Government has re-affirmed its goal to achieve a 'new normal,' which includes maintaining physical distancing, wearing a mask when distancing is not possible, maintaining good hand hygiene, staying at home when sick, restricting travel from hotspots and effective contact tracing.

Further Information

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