



## Queensland Baptists COVID-19 Update 23 March 2020

The Australian government is focused on working to slow the spread of COVID – 19, and last night the National Cabinet agreed to move to more widespread restrictions on social gatherings.

Effective from midday local time today 23 March 2020, the following facilities will be restricted from opening:

- Pubs, registered and licenced clubs (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues), hotels (excluding accommodation)
- Gyms and indoor sporting venues
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs
- Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery
- Religious gatherings, places of worship, weddings or funerals (in enclosed spaces and other than very small groups and where the 1 person per 4 square metre rule applies).

**Isolated remote community hubs are not included in these restrictions.**

These measures also apply to outdoor spaces associated with the above venues.

Previously announced measures continue to apply:

- No non-essential gatherings of more than 500 people outside or more than 100 people inside.
- All non-essential indoor gatherings of less than 100 people must have no more than one person per 4sqm. All Australians should expect their local businesses to be following this rule.
- Keep 1.5 metres between yourself and others.
- Avoid non-essential travel.
- Maintain [good hygiene](#)
- [Self isolate](#) if you have COVID-19; you have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19; or you arrived in Australia after midnight on 15 March 2020.
- Practice [social distancing](#)

The spirit or intention of the restrictions being placed on our communities is to reduce the spread of the virus to ultimately save lives, and so we thank the churches of the QB Movement for your diligence during this time.

Romans 13 1-7 calls us to be responsible citizens who submit appropriately to governing authorities for the good of the community. Right now, we have the opportunity to be socially responsible leaders in our communities as we navigate doing life and church differently. We have the promise of Jesus as we do this – “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27).

We encourage collaboration between our churches to explore different ways of doing church, and also encourage contact with QB Services for specific support [QB Staff Contacts](#)

We understand the National Cabinet will be considering further Stage 2 restrictions if social distancing measures are not adhered to and we will provide further information in coming days along with [some FAQ's](#).

### Kind regards

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