



COVID-19 Update

Tuesday 17 November 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

Many of you will have seen reporting over the last week regarding changes that will be made to COVID-19 restrictions.

At a high level, the key changes are below:

- Indoor venues are now able to have one person per two square metres as opposed to one person per four square metres, irrespective of size.
- Up to 200 people can attend a funeral.
- Up to 200 people can attend a wedding and all guests are able to dance, up to 200 people.
- There is an increase in the number of people able to attend a home and public space from 40 people to 50 people. This includes those who wish to use their home residence as a place of worship. People wanting to use their home residence as a place of worship and wish to exceed the maximum number of people allowed under the latest Movement and Gathering Direction (which will be 50 people) will have to abide by all aspects of the Industry Plan.
- Places of worship with the ability to have individual allocated ticketed seats should contact the COVID team via [email](#).
- Outdoor events are increased from 1000 to 1500 with a COVID Safe Event Checklist. Larger events require a COVID Safe Plan. This is particularly relevant in the lead up to Christmas.
- Indoor venues with ticketed seating (that is, like cinemas and performing arts theatre) may increase capacity to 100 per cent. Face masks are to be worn on entry and exit to the venue and at other times when it is not possible for attendees to physically distance. An accurate contact tracing register with the identified seating number for all people present is mandatory.

These changes come into effect at 4pm on Tuesday 17 November 2020.

While this is a positive change, we all have a part to play in preventing an increase in COVID-19 cases in Queensland. Events in South Australia in recent days, with an outbreak of cases and borders to be subsequently closed, are an example of how quickly COVID-19 can spread. We must always remember to:

- Maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Maintain good hand hygiene (washing hands or using alcohol-based sanitiser).
- Maintain good respiratory hygiene (coughing or sneezing into elbow).
- Maintain tracking, tracing and rapid response (keeping contact details for 56 days for each service and ensuring it is readily available if requested).
- Frequently clean and disinfect our spaces.

Christmas

Recent changes in restrictions may mean that some congregations will look at their Christmas events differently. Where previously 1000 people were allowed at events outdoors under the [COVID Safe Events Checklist](#), this number has increased to 1500. If you anticipate more than these numbers, additional requirements are to be met. Refer to the Synod COVID-19 [Safety Management Plan for church events](#) for guidance. It is recommended that all events have a separate [COVID event](#) plan in place. If you have any questions or require guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the Synod COVID team via email at COVID19@ucaql.com.au.

Warden briefings

The COVID Warden briefings continue each Wednesday at 11am. They are very well attended and lots of information is shared. This week the team will be talking about the current density changes and physical distancing requirements. We would encourage Wardens to attend this week's briefing. If you require a link to this voluntary meeting, please email COVID19@ucaql.com.au. If you have not notified us of the name and contact details of your COVID Warden, please email them to COVID19@ucaql.com.au.

Our next COVID-19 update is planned for Tuesday 24 November 2020. Your questions or feedback about this update or COVID-19 are welcome—please email COVID19@ucaql.com.au.

Our sincere thanks for your ongoing work and support as we navigate our way through this time.



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