

Message from Leanne Coddington CEO, Tourism and Events Queensland

The COVID-19 situation is moving quickly, and the implications for our tourism and events industry are continuing to evolve.

This morning the National Cabinet met and the Prime Minister has announced further measures to try and contain the spread of COVID-19. These include advising Australians to reconsider any non-essential travel and announcing further restrictions on gatherings of less than 100 people in indoor venues. National Cabinet will meet again on Tuesday, and the Prime Minister has indicated that further clarity will be provided on the non-essential travel advice following that meeting.

I want to assure you that TEQ's team is here to support you through these unprecedented times and we are doing everything we can to keep you updated, share official advice and provide resources that may assist you (please see the very latest below).

TEQ continues to monitor our markets and adjust our marketing plans to keep Queensland top of mind for travellers who may still be considering a holiday.

Please reach out to the TEQ team at any time.

Warmest regards,
Leanne

Latest updates

The [Australian Banking Association](#) has announced a support package including a six-month deferral of loan repayments. The package is subject to authorisation by the ACCC.

The Queensland Health directions related to mass gatherings are now available on the Queensland health website:

[500+ persons outdoor](#)

[100+ persons indoor](#)

As a result of the National Cabinet decision this morning, directions related to gatherings of under 100 persons are now being prepared and should be online in the next few days.

There is now a [dedicated COVID-19 page on TEQ's corporate website](#) which provides plenty of useful links and resources for businesses and is being updated multiple times

per day as new information and resources come in. In a fast-moving environment, this is a good place to check for the latest official information.

The Queensland Government Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development (DITID) has also launched a [dedicated COVID-19 webpage](#) outlining government support for businesses during the pandemic.

The [Queensland Tourism Industry Council \(QTIC\)](#) has also issued an update today, including information on business support and an update on this year's Queensland Tourism Awards.

The Australian Government has produced a [large range of resources](#) to assist tourism operators, event organisers, workplaces and the general public to prepare and respond. This includes fact sheets for:

- International travellers arriving in Australia
- Fact sheets for travel, transport and hotel industries
- Advice for organising public gatherings
- Isolation advice
- Information on social distancing (including advice for workplaces)
- Various information posters that can be used throughout businesses

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