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## Special update



### **Restrictions reinstated to ensure all dining and drinking is for seated patrons**

The Queensland Government yesterday announced amendments to the Restrictions on Business, Activities and Undertakings Public Health Direction that are relevant to tourism and events businesses.

This Direction has been updated to reinstate the restriction for businesses to ensure all dining and drinking is for seated patrons, and provide clarity for event organisers.

- Patrons must be seated when drinking and dining-in.

This restriction will apply to all businesses that serve food and drink including (but not limited to) retail food services (such as cafes and restaurants), licensed premises (such as hotels, clubs, pubs and nightclubs) and casinos, gaming or

gambling venues.

- Indoor and outdoor events may operate in compliance with an approved plan other than a COVID Safe Event Plan (such as an Industry Plan or Site-Specific Plan), provided the approved plan covers all facets of the event.  
Organisers of events that are larger than 500 people and operating under an existing Industry or Site-Specific Plan must notify Public Health Units of the event a minimum of 10 days before the event.  
Alternatively, events may operate in accordance with the COVID Safe Event Framework (i.e. a COVID Safe Event Checklist for up to 500 people or a COVID Safe Event Plan approved by the relevant Public Health Authorities, depending on the size of the event).
- Wording around contact tracing requirements has been amended to strengthen the requirement to collect and keep contact information and provide it to public health officers 'within a stated time'.

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## Additional resources

- **Questions:** businesses can contact the Queensland Government's dedicated hotline for questions specific to their business. Phone 134 COVID (134 268 43) or email [tourismresponse@ditid.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourismresponse@ditid.qld.gov.au).
- **Tourism and Events Queensland's** dedicated COVID-19 [webpages for businesses and travellers](#) are reviewed every day and contain the latest information and resources as we receive them.



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