

Queensland Baptists COVID-19 Update 22 October 2020

We are pleased to share with you the advice received today that the Industry Plan for Places of Worship has been updated to accommodate some further relaxations and clarifications.

In summary, the key changes include:

- Home worship activities are now captured under the [Movement and Gathering Direction \(No.5\)](#). This means that in non-restricted areas, up to 40 people can gather (including household members) at a private residence for home worship activities. In restricted areas, up to 10 people can gather (including household members) at a private residence for home worship activities. Please see more information regarding restricted areas [here](#).

If a home worship activity exceeds the prescribed numbers (as above) that are permissible under the Movement and Gathering Direction, then ALL requirements of the Industry Plan for Places of Worship must be in place and are the responsibility of the person hosting the activity in their home.

- Outdoor worship events require one person per 2 square metres. This includes activities and outdoor dining areas.
- For indoor worship services that are larger than 500 people **or** outdoor worship services that are larger than 1,000 people, the Public Health Units must be notified a minimum of 10 days prior via email at COVID-19.Industryplans@health.qld.gov.au
- Up to 40 people can dance at any one time at a wedding with a COVID Safe Plan.

Other changes to the Plan to note include:

- The seating requirement for food and drink services has been removed and we are to ensure public health controls are followed, including ensuring people are appropriately physically distanced. The service of food is guided by the [Retail Food Services Industry Plan](#), or as applicable, the COVID Safe Checklist for seated dining and drinking in restaurants and cafes.
- Suitable signage must be displayed stating the maximum occupancy allowed. If a venue / premise comprises of indoor and outdoor facilities, the additional maximum occupancy signage for each area should be displayed at all entry/exit points for each indoor and outdoor facility.
- Places of Worship must have policies/procedures in place to manage and monitor the number of attendees at any time so as not to exceed the maximum occupancy allowed under the Plan, considering the different densities allowed for indoor and outdoor areas. Such policies/procedures should include measures that will ensure only the maximum allowable attendees within any indoor and outdoor area at the venue/premise at any one time. For example, the use of area-specific ticketing, wristbands, badging, direct supervision of indoor/outdoor entry and exit points.
- Upon request from an Emergency Officer, a Place of Worship must be able to immediately provide attendee occupancy levels at any indoor and/or outdoor area within the venue/premise, to the Emergency Officer.