



Queensland Baptists COVID-19 Update 28 April 2020

On 24 April, a further revision of the [Non Essential Business, Activity and Undertaking Closure Direction \(No.7\)](#) was issued. Clarity around what this means for places of worship was summarised by QLD Health as follows:

- *you can live stream a wedding, funeral or any other service with the maximum number of people attending in person as outlined in the direction (5 for a wedding, 10 for a funeral plus 3 officials, 5 for other religious services). Any camera operator is included in this count.*
- *any religious service such as a baptism or church service can be held provided there are no more than 5 people attending in total*
- *you are allowed up to up to 3 funeral officials at a funeral service, in addition to 10 mourners*

We also take this opportunity to advise churches that we have requested of QLD Health, a formal clarification around participant restrictions relating to weddings and live streaming. The 5 people permitted for a wedding is made up of the couple, the celebrant and 2 witnesses, and on that basis a camera operator cannot be included (unless one of the witnesses takes the pictures/streams). We will notify churches when we receive a clarification on this issue.

Despite the challenging times we face as a community of believers, we pray that the week ahead may be filled with peace and joy. *Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*