

Queensland Baptists COVID-19 Update 8 June 2020

Industry COVID SAFE Plan – Places of Worship

An [Industry COVID SAFE Plan - Places of Worship](#) was approved by the QLD Government over the weekend.

While QLD Baptists were consulted via the Heads of Churches in the development of this Plan, significant changes were made to the final document, that we as a part of the consultation group were not privy to. Based on the earlier revisions of the Plan, we were expecting an overarching framework that we would contextualise to our churches. However, the approved Plan is quite specific and prescriptive in a way that will make it somewhat unworkable for many churches. As such we are continuing our collaboration with the Heads of Churches for the Plan to be reviewed and seek amendments that are more realistic and achievable.

In the interim to the request for a review being progressed, churches can make the choice to opt in the approved Plan. This involves downloading and following the Plan and completing the Statement of Compliance to demonstrate you are undertaking best practice as a COVID Safe Business. Churches adopting this Plan will need to ensure the Checklists and Statement of Compliance in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 are completed, printed, signed, and prominently displayed in their church.

Industry COVID Business WH&S Plan

To reiterate, at all stages, all businesses should have a WH&S Plan in place, and up to date including strategies to manage COVID-19. This is an existing internal plan which does not need to be submitted for approval and should be made available when requested.

Useful WH&S Tools/Information

The following are some tools to assist establishing church specific WH&S Plans.

- Safe Work Australia's
 - [Cleaning Checklist](#)
 - [Keeping Workers Safe Checklist](#)
 - [Physical Distancing Checklist](#)
 - [What to do if a Worker is suspected of having COVID 19](#)
- [Safe Work Australia's Guideline](#) on routine cleaning, AND cleaning and disinfection following a case or suspected case of the COVID-19 in a non-healthcare workplace
- Baptist Insurance Services [COVID Safe Business WH&S Plan](#)
- Workplace Health and Safety QLD template for a [COVID WH&S Plan](#)
- A general guide for planning a WH&S Plan [QB COVID - 19 WH&S Checklist](#)
- Useful [Posters](#)
- More [useful Posters](#)
- Workplace Health and Safety QLD's [COVID 19 Overview & Guide](#)
- Safe Work Australia's [Information on COVID 19 and WH&S](#)
- Fact Sheet for [Collecting and Storing Attendee Information](#)
- [General Advice for Food Businesses](#) that may apply to some contexts