

Queensland Baptists COVID-19 Update 30 March 2021

With the [Restrictions for Impacted Areas \(No.3\)](#) having now been released, we provide further detail on matters that effect our churches in impacted areas and non-impacted areas.

The impacted Local Government Areas (LGA's) are:

- [City of Brisbane \(PDF\)](#)
- [City of Ipswich \(PDF\)](#)
- [Logan City \(PDF\)](#)
- [Moreton Bay Region \(PDF\)](#)
- [Redland City \(PDF\)](#)

Impacted Areas

Church Services

Places of worship in the impacted areas must close during the lockdown period, except for weddings and funerals in line with the below limits. Live streaming of a church service may be conducted with the person conducting the service and a camera operator.

While physical distancing must be observed, people do not need to wear a mask while conducting the service. This exception is only for the duration of the service and once the complete, masks must then be worn again.

This current Direction is in place for the period of the lockdown and or until it is revoked or replaced. We encourage churches in impacted areas to consider preparing for streaming Easter services, as we expect when the lockdown is lifted it is highly likely be with a gradual lifting of restrictions as opposed to an immediate return to the relaxations we previously operated with.

Weddings

Wedding ceremonies in impacted areas are restricted to the following:

- Limited to a maximum attendance of 10 people including the celebrant and two witnesses.
- Live streaming of a wedding ceremony may be conducted with the maximum number of people outlined above.
- Physical distancing must be observed to the extent possible.
- **Contact information** must be collected

Funerals

Funerals in impacted areas are restricted to the following:

- Funerals are required to operate as follows:
- Limited to a maximum attendance of 20 people excluding the person conducting the service.
- Live streaming of a funeral may be conducted with the maximum number of people outlined above.

- Physical distancing must be observed to the extent possible.
- **Contact information** must be collected

NB: Because of restrictions on non-essential businesses in impacted areas, wedding receptions or other events post weddings and funerals should be postponed.

Non-Impacted Areas

Church Services

Places of worship in non-impacted areas may continue to operate under the [Restrictions on Businesses, Activities & Undertakings Direction \(No.16\)](#). This means churches outside of the impacted areas can have one person per 2 square metres.

As a state-wide requirement, the face mask direction applies also to churches outside of the impacted areas.

Churches outside of the impacted areas must continue to observe the requirements of the Industry Plan for Places of worship, including collection of contact details, health and hygiene measures and COVID Safe food service.

Weddings

Wedding ceremonies in non-impacted areas can proceed as follows:

- one person per 2 square metres; or
- a maximum of 200 people,

whichever is greater (this means up to 200 people or one person per 2 square metres - whichever is greater).

At weddings in non-impacted areas, the couple getting married does not have to wear a mask while getting married if indoors. Photos can also be taken without the bridal party or guests wearing masks. Other than the bride and groom, guests are required to wear a mask when dancing indoors and cannot physically distance.

Funerals

Funerals in non-impacted areas can proceed as follows:

- one person per 2 square metres; or
- a maximum of 200 people,

whichever is greater (this means up to 200 people or one person per 2 square metres - whichever is greater).