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# Burdekin COVID-19 Update

## DO YOUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD



Wash Hands  
Thoroughly



Avoid Touching  
Your Face



Cover Your  
Sneeze or Cough



Wear a Mask  
if Unwell



Maintain  
Social Distancing

### Coronavirus Update - Edition 7

The Burdekin Shire Council is continuing to monitor the evolving events of the COVID-19 pandemic and endeavouring to keep all members of the community up to date with correct and relevant information.

It is important to refer to official advice from the Australian and Queensland Government during this crisis to help inform your business and personal decisions.

Australian Government Department of Health: <https://www.health.gov.au/>

Queensland Health: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/>

### COVID-19 Restrictions Ease

Following encouraging signs Queensland is flattening the COVID-19 curve, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has announced stay at home restrictions will ease.

From 11.59pm Friday, May 1, Queenslanders will be able to leave their homes for recreation and the distance they can travel has been extended.

For example, Queenslanders will be able to enjoy some relief from stay-at-home rules and:

- Go for a drive;
- Ride a motorbike, jetski or boat for pleasure;
- Have a picnic;
- Visit a national park; and
- Shop for non-essential items

But there are three conditions that apply linked to the above:

- Social distancing and hygiene must be maintained
- You have to stay within 50km of home and
- Outings are limited to members of the same household or an individual and one friend

All other rules including gatherings and limits on visitors remain in place during this time.

For more please click [here](#)

## **COVIDSafe App Launched**

The Australian Government has recently launched COVIDSafe, an app that helps find close contacts of COVID-19 cases. The app helps state and territory health officials to quickly contact the people who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

The new COVIDSafe app is completely voluntary. Downloading the app is something you can do to protect you, your family and friends and save the lives of other Australians.

For more information, to understand how it works and to download the app please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app#about-the-app>

### **Backpacker and Hostel Operator Survey:**

Adventure Queensland is currently collecting data on behalf of Department of Tourism to determine the situation our international travellers are facing and their arrangements.

Council have been asked to share the following survey links with local businesses, accommodation providers and the agricultural industry to complete. Businesses are also encouraged to share with any international workers they may be hosting.

Hostel Operator Survey -

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5T8WKLT?fbclid=IwAR1ZtXaLnD8WrCfWNqsZ4TaMI-FyTNxt15vS5trE0CLzzUbeBeyDea4g\\_W4](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5T8WKLT?fbclid=IwAR1ZtXaLnD8WrCfWNqsZ4TaMI-FyTNxt15vS5trE0CLzzUbeBeyDea4g_W4)

Backpacker Survey -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/592VNWJ?fbclid=IwAR3SsBJJYDiKQeoNMZvBCMvOzuhtZVyYoIo6YK0aE-I4Lr7FB7qWi6dN6gg>



## **COVID-19 Impacts Survey**

Burdekin Shire Council's Economic Development team are monitoring the effects of COVID-19 on local businesses, community groups and sporting associations by developing an impacts survey to better understand the direct economic impacts felt across the Burdekin region.

**The current impacts survey will close on Sunday 3rd May.**

The information collected from the survey will be beneficial for Council to provide crisis updates to relevant Government Departments when called upon. The data will also be valuable when creating and delivering recovery campaigns at the appropriate time.

We encourage all previous and new respondents to complete the survey and provide any possible feedback.

[Click here to complete survey](#)



## Support for Businesses to Address Economic Impacts

### **Government Business Resources**

Please visit the below websites for the most up to date information and resources:

#### **Business & Employer Information - Federal Government:**

[https://www.australia.gov.au/#business\\_amp\\_employer\\_information](https://www.australia.gov.au/#business_amp_employer_information)

#### **Business & Industry Support - Queensland State Government:**

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/>

### **Pandemic Risk Management for Business**

Business Queensland have established a helpful resource that can help you and your business prepare and respond during this pandemic. The guide includes:

- Business continuity planning for a pandemic
- Managing staff during a pandemic
- Communications for pandemic risk management

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/protecting-business/risk-management/pandemic-risk-management>

### **Be Aware of Coronavirus Scams**

Unfortunately, scammers are taking advantage of the spread of coronavirus to exploit and play on the fears of businesses and consumers across Australia. It is very difficult at times to know what communication is official. Find out how to [keep your business safe from scams](#).

### **Other Useful Information that may be of assistance**

- [Australian Banking Association](#) - Small business relief, deferral of loans
- [For Education and Schools](#)

- [General State Government Updates](#)
- [Qld Health Information](#)
- [ACCC](#) - The rights and obligations of small businesses in response to events caused by COVID-19

### **Additional Wellbeing and Support Information**

- [Emergency Relief Program search \(Queensland Government\)](#)
- [Salvation Army](#) (Disasters and emergencies support) - 1300 662 217
- [Lifeline](#) (Mental health and wellbeing) - 13 11 14
- [Beyondblue](#) (Mental health and wellbeing) - 1300 224 636
- [Headspace](#) (Youth mental health and wellbeing) - 1800 650 890

### **Coronavirus Resources**

To assist with customers and visitors complying with the latest preventative measures, please find below printable resources that you can display throughout your place of business.

[Keeping Your Distance](#)

[Cover Your Cough](#)

[Hand Hygiene](#)

[Simple Steps to Stop the Spread](#)

[Change of Business Hours](#)

## Temporary Business Changes



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