

Living and working with COVID-19 in the community

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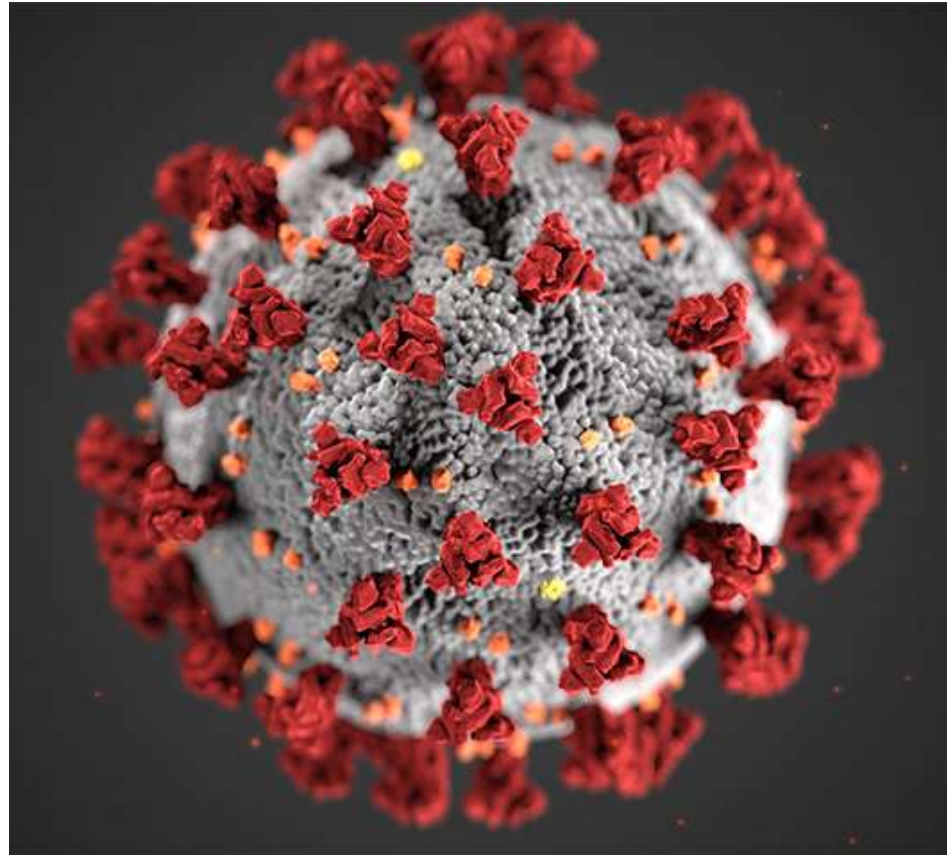
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SARS-CoV-2



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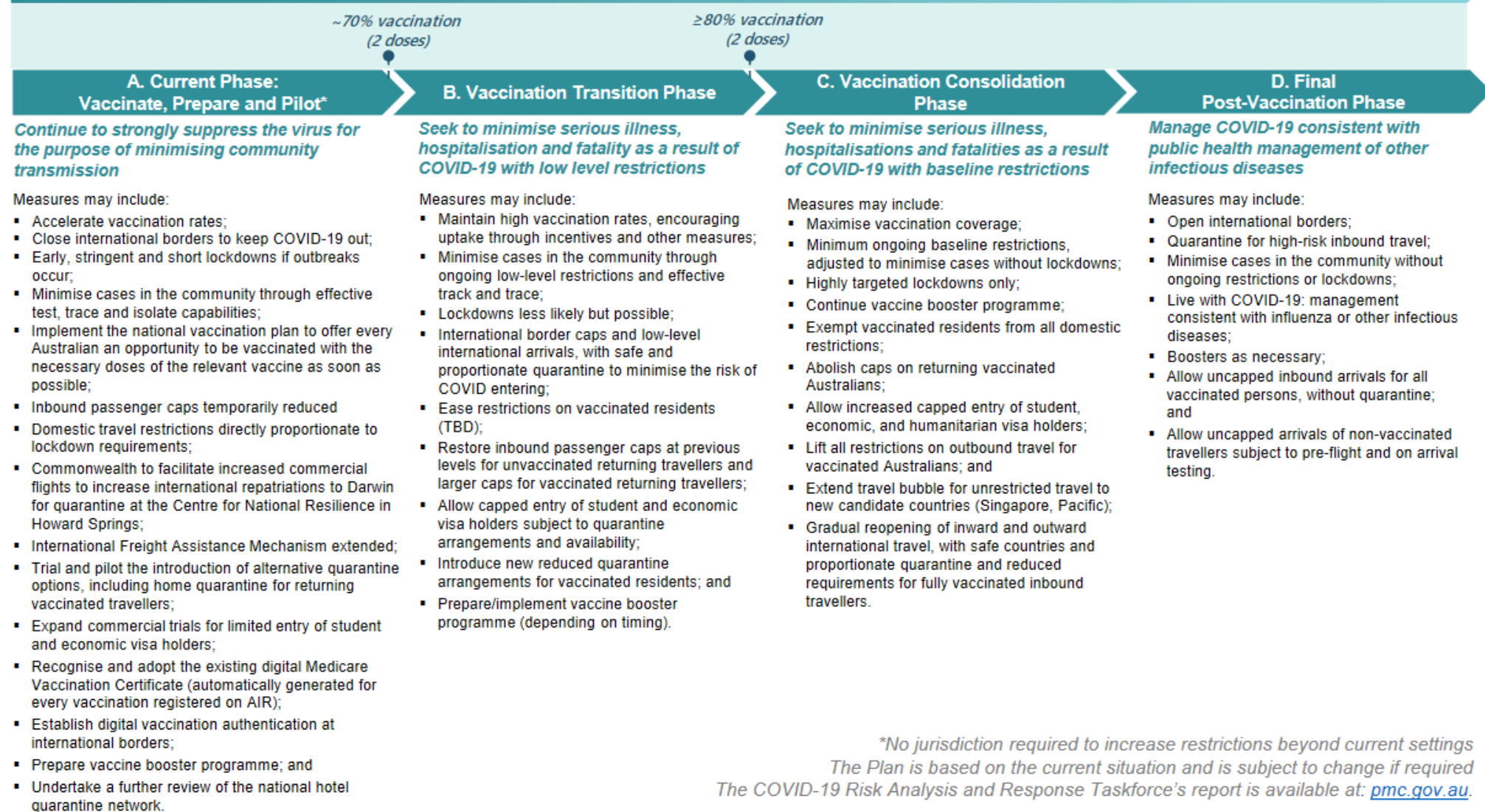
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National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response

National Cabinet agreed to a plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response from its current pre vaccination settings, focussing on continued suppression of community transmission, to post vaccination settings focussed on prevention of serious illness, hospitalisation and fatality, and the public health management of other infectious diseases

Phases triggered in a jurisdiction when the average vaccination rates across the nation have reached the threshold and that rate is achieved in a jurisdiction expressed as a percentage of the eligible population (16+), based on the scientific modelling conducted for the COVID-19 Risk Analysis and Response Task Force



Queensland's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan to unite families – Domestic travel

A Plan For Queensland's Borders – DOMESTIC TRAVEL

Queensland's COVID-19 vaccination plans

70% of the eligible Queensland population is fully vaccinated	80% of the eligible Queensland population is fully vaccinated	90% of the eligible Qld population is fully vaccinated
<p>ARRIVING FROM A HOTSPOT If you have been in a declared hotspot in the past 14 days you may travel to Queensland provided you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are fully vaccinated • arrive by air only • have a negative COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours prior to arrival into Queensland • undertake 14 days home quarantine subject to conditions set by Queensland Health. <p>Otherwise, you will need to meet the relevant requirements for entry and will be required to undertake 14 days quarantine in a government-nominated facility.</p> <p>ARRIVING FROM ALL OTHER AREAS OF AUSTRALIA Provided you have not been in a hotspot in the last 14 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No restrictions on entry to Queensland. • No quarantine required. 	<p>ARRIVING FROM A HOTSPOT If you have been in a declared hotspot in the past 14 days you may travel to Queensland provided you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are fully vaccinated • have a negative COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours prior to arrival into Queensland. <p>You may arrive by air or road.</p> <p>There is no quarantine required if you meet these criteria.</p> <p>If you do not meet these criteria, you will need to meet the relevant requirements for entry and will be required to undertake a period of quarantine in a government-nominated facility.</p> <p>ARRIVING FROM ALL OTHER AREAS OF AUSTRALIA Provided you have not been in a hotspot in the last 14 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No restrictions on entry to Queensland. • No quarantine required. 	<p>ARRIVING FROM ANYWHERE IN AUSTRALIA</p> <p>If you are fully vaccinated: No restrictions on entry to Queensland and no quarantine required.</p> <p>If you are not fully vaccinated: You will need to meet the relevant requirements for entry and will be required to undertake a period of quarantine.</p>

CONDITIONS – APPLY AT ALL STAGES

ALL ARRIVALS – Regardless of where you come from, must complete relevant entry declaration and abide by the public health directions in place at the time. Get tested if you have any symptoms and isolate until you receive your results.	ELIGIBLE QUEENSLAND POPULATION – For the purposes of vaccination coverage, the eligible Queensland population is people aged 16 and older in accordance with the Commonwealth Government's definition.	FULLY VACCINATED – Two weeks since your second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine. People who cannot be vaccinated—for example those who are not eligible due to age or have an exemption from a qualified medical practitioner—will be treated as vaccinated for the purposes of entry and quarantine requirements.	HOME QUARANTINE – If you cannot meet the Queensland Health home quarantine criteria, you will be required to undertake an equivalent period of quarantine in a government-nominated facility. Home quarantine undertaken in another state or territory must have been undertaken in accordance with an order issued by that state or territory. Self-imposed home quarantine will not meet the requirements for home quarantine under this plan.
NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST – A COVID-19 test approved by the TGA.	QUARANTINE PERIODS – Quarantine periods will be determined once Australian Health Protection Principal Committee advice has been received and considered. This period may be up to 14 days.	EXCLUSION ZONES – Should the Chief Health Officer determine the risk posed by arrivals from an area overseas or interstate is extreme and cannot be managed within this Border Plan, additional entry and quarantine requirements may be imposed for that specific area.	RESTRICTIONS: from 80% additional public health restrictions will apply to unvaccinated people. Further details to be confirmed. For example, venues and events who require all patrons and staff to be vaccinated may be able to operate without public health restrictions. However, venues and events which allow unvaccinated people may continue to be subject to a range of public health restrictions such as capacity and density limits.
CROSS-BORDER COMMUNITIES – Special arrangements may be put in place for cross-border communities.	BUSINESS SUPPORT – From 80% businesses need to be aware that the Commonwealth Government has indicated that financial support will not be available in the event of restrictions or lockdowns.	LOCKDOWNS – In line with the National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response, any lockdowns will be highly targeted. Areas with lower vaccination rates will be more likely to require public health restrictions and lockdowns.	

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<p>ARRIVING DIRECT FROM OVERSEAS If you are arriving on a direct international flight into Queensland you will be required to undertake 14 days quarantine in a government-nominated facility. These arrivals will be subject to Queensland's international air arrivals cap.</p> <p>ARRIVING FROM OVERSEAS VIA ANOTHER STATE OR TERRITORY If you have been overseas in the past 14 days, you will need to meet the relevant requirements for entry to Queensland and will be required to quarantine in a government-nominated facility until 14 days has passed since your arrival into Australia and since you have been in a domestic hotspot.</p> <p>SAFE TRAVEL ZONE Arrangements will continue to be quarantine-free.</p>	<p>ARRIVING DIRECT FROM OVERSEAS If you are arriving on a direct international flight you may travel to Queensland provided you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are an Australian citizen or permanent resident • are fully vaccinated • have a negative COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours prior to departure • undertake a period of home quarantine subject to conditions set by Queensland Health. <p>These arrivals will be uncapped.</p> <p>If you do not meet these criteria, you will need to enter within Queensland's international air arrivals cap and undertake a period of quarantine in a government-nominated facility.</p> <p>SAFE TRAVEL ZONE Arrangements will continue to be quarantine-free.</p>	<p>ARRIVING FROM OVERSEAS VIA ANOTHER STATE OR TERRITORY If you have been overseas in the past 14 days, you may enter Queensland provided you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are fully vaccinated • have undertaken the Queensland-specified period of quarantine under the direction of another state or territory at home or in a government-nominated facility <p>If you do not meet these criteria, you will need to meet the relevant requirements for entry to Queensland and will be required to undertake a period of home quarantine.</p>
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Principles of the Plan

- **Herd immunity:** the more people in a population who are immune to a disease, the less opportunity the disease has to spread
- **Fully vaccinated people** can still become infected
- Disease associated with **breakthrough infection** is less severe
- The **infectious period** appears to be shorter in vaccinated cases
- Severe disease can still occur in a small proportion of vaccinated people **particularly the elderly** and those with certain co-morbidities.
- Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people infected with the Delta variant are **more likely to be hospitalised** than those infected with the Alpha variant
- **Delta variant** is the predominant variant currently circulating in Australia
- Vaccination continues to provide the best protection against **reinfection**.
- **Children have milder disease** and almost 25 times lower risk of severe disease than adults
- The Plan is based on the current situation and is subject to change if required
- **Fully vaccinated** – Two weeks since the second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Quarantine periods** will be determined once Australian Health Protection Principal Committee advice has been received and considered.
- **Any lockdowns will be highly targeted.**
- **Areas with lower vaccination rates** will be more likely to require public health restrictions and lockdowns
- Additional entry and quarantine requirements may be imposed for interstate or overseas areas which pose an extreme risk to Queensland.



70-80% of the eligible Queensland population fully vaccinated – from 19 November 2021 or earlier

Public health measures for travellers

Domestic travellers

Entry to Qld from a [declared hotspot](#) is permitted providing travellers:

- Are fully vaccinated
- Arrive by air only
- Have a negative COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours prior to arrival into Qld
- Undertake 14 days HOME quarantine subject to conditions set by Qld Health
- If home quarantine conditions can't be met, 14 days quarantine is required in a government-nominated facility

Entry to Qld from all other areas of Australia is permitted without restrictions or quarantine

International travellers

- Government-nominated quarantine is required until 14 days have passed since arriving from overseas (directly into Qld or via another jurisdiction)
- Safe travel zone: arrangements will be quarantine-free, subject to testing and vaccination requirements (New Zealand only)

Public health measures for the Qld community

- Domestic travellers from areas where COVID-19 is circulating and ALL international travellers (except from a safe travel zone) will be separated from the general community for the full incubation period
- **All cases will require isolation** in hospital until no longer considered infectious
- All close contacts of confirmed cases will require home quarantine for 14 days
- **10 Nov-Introduced prior to 70% vaccination coverage:** face masks no longer required indoors in SEQ including schools, cafés, pubs, clubs, hairdressers and workplaces when 80% of eligible Queenslanders had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- Face masks will only be required at airports and on planes in line with federal rules, but may be re-introduced into areas of concern during an outbreak.
- **11 Nov:** The Australian Government's COVID-19 **booster vaccination** rollout program officially commenced, **initially focusing on residential aged care** and disability facilities.
- **15 Nov: Milestone reached** - 70% of the eligible Queensland population fully vaccinated
- **By 19 Nov,** Queenslanders will be able to load their vaccination status into the Check in Qld app



80-90% of the eligible Queensland population fully vaccinated – from 17 December 2021 or earlier

Public health measures for travellers

Domestic travellers

Entry to Qld from a [declared hotspot](#) is permitted providing travellers:

- Are fully vaccinated
- Arrive by air or road
- Have a negative COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours prior to arrival into Qld
- No quarantine required
- If the above conditions can't be met, a **period of quarantine** is required in a government-nominated facility

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International travellers

- **Direct flight to Qld:** a period of home quarantine is required for Australian citizens/permanent residents who are fully vaccinated and have a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to departure. If these conditions can't be met, a **period of government-nominated quarantine** is required.
- **Arrival to Qld via another jurisdiction:** entry is permitted for fully vaccinated travellers who have undertaken the Qld-specified period of home or government-nominated quarantine in another jurisdiction. If these conditions can't be met, a **period of home quarantine** will be required
- Safe travel zone: arrangements will be quarantine-free (New Zealand only)

Public health measures for the Qld community

- Domestic travellers from areas where COVID-19 is circulating will only be separated from the general community for a **period of time** if they can't meet the vaccination or testing requirements
- ALL international travellers (except from a safe travel zone) will be separated from the general community for a **period of time**
- **All cases will require isolation** in hospital or at home (admitted to the Virtual Ward) until no longer considered infectious
- Home quarantine period for fully vaccinated close contacts may reduce during this phase (no change for unvaccinated close contacts)
- Digital communication with cases and contacts may increase as numbers in the community increase (phone communication may decrease)
- **By 15 Dec:** workers must have received their second dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine to enter, work in, or provide services in a healthcare setting, including **aged care services funded by the Australian Government and delivered in the home**
- RACFs must not allow unvaccinated visitors
- The plan for 80% and beyond will be implemented: [Public health and social measures linked to vaccination status](#) (will be reviewed at 90% double dose)



Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status

A PLAN FOR 80% AND BEYOND

Unite & Recover 

OBJECTIVE: Protecting Queenslanders As We Unite Families

Reviewed when we reach 90% double dose

AT 80% DOUBLE DOSE <i>(17 December)</i>	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	Rules for business
VULNERABLE SETTINGS – AGED CARE, HOSPITALS, PRISONS, DISABILITY SERVICES	✓	✗	Must not allow unvaccinated visitors. Unvaccinated people can visit if for the purposes of end of life, childbirth, or emergency situation.
HOSPITALITY VENUES Example: hotels, pubs, clubs, taverns, bars, restaurants, cafés.	✓	✗	Only vaccinated staff and patrons permitted to enter. No Covid-19 density limits apply. (Private hire of venues, if occurring with unvaccinated individuals – a maximum of 20 people or 1 per 4 square metres).
INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT VENUES Example: nightclubs, indoor live music venues, karaoke bars, concerts, theatres, cinemas.	✓	✗	Only vaccinated staff and patrons permitted to enter. No Covid-19 density limits apply. (Private hire of venues, if occurring with unvaccinated individuals – a maximum of 20 people or 1 per 4 square metres).
OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES Example: tourism experiences including reef excursions, sports stadiums, theme parks.	✓	✗	Only vaccinated staff and patrons permitted to enter. No Covid-19 density limits apply.
FESTIVALS (Entire venue – indoor and outdoor) Example: folk festivals, arts festivals, music festivals.	✓	✗	Only vaccinated staff and patrons permitted to enter (including performers, crew, catering, food trucks). No Covid-19 density limits apply.
WEDDINGS (Entire venue – indoor and outdoor)	✓	✓ (Restrictions apply)	If any persons are unvaccinated, including the wedding party and officials, a maximum of only 20 people can attend. No Covid-19 density limits apply where all attendees are vaccinated.
QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT OWNED GALLERIES, MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES	✓	✗	No Covid-19 density limits apply.
OTHER SETTINGS Such as essential retail, other retail, public transport, etc.	✓	✓	COVID-19 density restrictions may still apply, as per Queensland's current COVID Safe Future Roadmap.

*In line with the National Plan, additional highly targeted restrictions may be required in high-risk areas.
For other settings not specifically outlined above, attendance is unrestricted but other measures may apply i.e. physical distancing.
Restrictions will apply to eligible vaccinated population (16+) as per the National Plan.*

[Queensland restrictions at 80% vaccination](#)

90% of the eligible Queensland population fully vaccinated and beyond

Public health measures for travellers

Domestic travellers

Entry to Qld from anywhere in Australia is permitted if fully vaccinated:

- No restrictions on entry to Qld and no quarantine required

If a traveller is not fully vaccinated:

- Need to meet relevant requirements for entry and undertake a period of quarantine

International travellers

- As above

Public health measures for the Qld community

- Travellers from interstate or overseas who are NOT fully vaccinated will be separated from the general community for **a period of time**
- **All cases will require isolation** in hospital or at home until no longer considered infectious
- Home quarantine for fully vaccinated close contacts may cease during this phase (no change for unvaccinated close contacts)
- Public health follow up may start to focus on exposures in high-risk settings
- **COVID-19 will become endemic** –circulating freely in the community.
- With all infectious diseases that are endemic, like the flu, there may be a need for localised public health measures, so it doesn't evolve into a pandemic again
- Once high vaccination rates are achieved, very little restrictions are required.
- This is the aim of Queensland's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan to Unite Families.



Considerations for aged care providers

- **Incorporate public health and infection control measures** into all policies, processes and practices now
- **Promote work culture** that supports and enables staff to stay away when unwell (including to care for unwell children)
- **Develop recruitment policies** re: annual influenza and coronavirus vaccination
- Continue to **promote vaccination** to clients, their families and other carers/close contacts
- As borders open, especially international borders, other notifiable conditions will start to circulate again
- Anticipate that **influenza** will circulate again in 2022
- **Maintain entry screening processes** to receive in-home services and enter residential aged care facilities
- **Monitor media updates regularly** about changes to public health measures



Risk assessment to inform use of PPE

Patient pre-existing likelihood of COVID-19

- Known COVID-19 status
- Symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- **Current prevalence and transmission of COVID-19 in the population and whether there are unlinked cases of COVID-19 in the community**
- The presence of epidemiological risk factors for COVID-19, such as:
 - Close contact, or secondary close contact, with a person with confirmed COVID-19 in the previous 14 days
 - Return from international travel in the previous 14 days, particularly from countries with high prevalence of COVID-19, but excluding green zone countries
 - Attendance at a currently designated COVID-19 exposure risk site in the previous 14 days
 - Residence in, or travel through, a geographically localised area with elevated prevalence or community transmission of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days.

Patient factors

Nature of the care episode

Physical location (where the direct care is being undertaken)



Likely LOW risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission

Where the risk assessment suggests **LOW RISK** of transmission:

- Health care workers (HCW) should use PPE to maintain **Standard, Contact and Droplet Precautions**
- **Surgical mask**, gloves, gown and eye protection
- **Ensure surgical masks are worn appropriately**
- Options for **eye protection** include:
 - closely fitted wrap-around goggles
 - safety glasses
 - face shields
- NB: do not re-use single use items
- If item is reusable, then reprocess according to manufacturer's cleaning instructions
- [ICEG guidelines on cleaning and disinfection of protective eyewear in health and residential care facilities](#) (1 Dec 2020)



Likely HIGH risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission

Where the risk assessment suggests **HIGH RISK** of transmission:

- HCW should use **P2/N95 respirators** rather than surgical masks, along with other required PPE
- P2/N95 respirator, gloves, gown and eye protection
- **Fit testing** should be completed before first use to select the most suitable respirator
 - Validated method for matching P2/N95 respirators with an individual's facial shape and should be done by an appropriately trained person.
- **Fit checking** should be done each time a new respirator is used
 - Gentle inhale and exhale to ensure the mask is drawn in towards the face and that no air leaks are evident around the face seal
- Respirator must be certified
 - 94-95% removal of small airborne particles, including meeting Australian Standard AS/NZS 1715-2009
- An airtight protective seal is difficult to achieve in the presence of facial hair that underlies the edge of the P2/N95 respirator.



PPE resources

Useful webpage: [Personal protective equipment](#) (Queensland Health)

- **Videos:**

- safe fitting and removal of PPE (Qld Health)
- PPE for Standard, Contact, Droplet and Airborne Precautions

- **Poster:**

- Fit checking for P2/N95 respirator

- **Guidelines:**

- *Qld Health Interim prevention and control guidelines for the management of COVID-19 in healthcare*
- *Queensland COVID-19 vaccine roll out PPE advice*

- Pandemic response guidance document for residential aged care and disability accommodation services

- **Pandemic response guidance document for healthcare delivery, community health, in-home care settings and correctional services**



Pandemic response guidance document

Table 1. *Community health services and in-home care settings*: Recommended PPE escalation according to risk of unexpected COVID-19 infections in clients or workers, including contractors and volunteers (in addition to standard precautions +/- transmission-based precautions if indicated for another reason).

Community level risk →		Low risk		Moderate risk		High risk	
Client category ↓		Staff who work only in a single community facility/home ¹	Staff who work across multiple community facilities/homes ¹	Staff who work only in a single community facility/homes ¹	Staff who work across multiple community facilities/homes ¹	Staff who work only in a single community facility/homes ¹	Staff who work across multiple community facilities/homes ¹
S T A F F	No clinical evidence of COVID-19 AND no epidemiological evidence ²	nil additional	Surgical mask	Surgical mask ⁵ Protective eyewear ³ (within 1.5m)	Surgical mask ⁵ Protective eyewear ³ Gown or apron ⁴	Surgical mask ⁵ Protective eyewear ³ (within 1.5m)	Surgical mask ⁵ Protective eyewear ³ Gown or apron ⁴
	Staff doing activities other than direct client care	nil additional	Surgical mask	Surgical mask		Surgical mask	
	Clinical evidence of COVID-19 WITHOUT epidemiological evidence ² of COVID-19	Surgical mask ⁵ Protective eyewear ³ Gown Gloves		P2/N95 respirator Protective eyewear ³ Gown Gloves		P2/N95 respirator Protective eyewear ³ Gown Gloves	
	Confirmed COVID-19 OR Suspected COVID-19 (clinical evidence WITH epidemiological evidence ² of COVID-19) OR Those subject to quarantine or other public health requirements	P2/N95 respirator Protective eyewear ³ Gown Gloves		P2/N95 respirator Protective eyewear ³ Gown Gloves		P2/N95 respirator Protective eyewear ³ Gown Gloves	
PPE for clients with clinical or epidemiological evidence of COVID-19 OR in quarantine OR suspected OR confirmed COVID-19 cases		Clients to wear surgical mask where tolerated (excluding children under 12)		Clients to wear surgical mask where tolerated (excluding children under 12)		Clients to wear surgical mask where tolerated (excluding children under 12)	
Support persons or other household members during healthcare interaction for non-COVID-19 clients		nil additional		Surgical mask		Surgical mask	



Subscribe to Qld Health updates

- [COVID-19 Update for Residential Aged Care](#)
- [Frontline COVID Advice](#)
- [Chief Health Officer Public Health Directions Update](#)



Useful websites

Queensland Health

[Queensland Health coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

- Multiple links to COVID-19 resources

[COVID-19 information for Queensland clinicians](#)

- COVID-19 vaccination information for HCW
- Queensland COVID-19 vaccination training
- Resources and information for clinicians
- PPE (current level of community risk to guide PPE usage)
- Public health and infection control guidance
- Pathology and testing
- Aged care sector, and much more..

Department of Health

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Communicable Diseases Network of Australia

Queensland Government

[Latest updates – coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

- cases, testing, vaccine doses,
- Queensland plans, border zones, hotspots,
- Queensland restrictions, **contact tracing alerts (exposure sites)**
- Queensland restrictions at 80% vaccination
- and much more..

[Infection Control Expert Group \(ICEG\)](#)

- Use of PPE for health care workers
- Minimising the risk of respiratory disease transmission
- Environmental cleaning and disinfection, and more

