



COVID-19 Response Planning Tool

Custodial Operations

All decisions to move custodial centres between stages are subject to advice from Queensland Health and the Chief Health Officer.

No prisoner confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 will be transferred from Queensland Police custody to QCS custody.

COVID-19
(Coronavirus)

Across all stages:

- Maintain social distancing where practical
- Practice hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning practices
- Use PPE in accordance with QCS COVID-19 Guidelines
- Adequate PPE and essential supplies available at all times
- COVIDSAFE Plans in place

Stage 1

- No confirmed cases in the correctional centre
- Level of community transmission indicates risk of infection is low

Restrictions include:

- COVID-19 health assessment of all prisoners upon reception
- management of new receptions under the 'Managing new admission reception prisoners and COVID-19 – Stage 1' policy
- management of risks to vulnerable prisoners under the 'Managing Vulnerable Prisoners' policy
- management of risks to employees under the 'Managing At Risk Employees' policy
- screening and temperature check of officers and approved visitors
- screening and temperature check of prisoners prior to release
- offer of COVID-19 test to prisoners who plan to return to vulnerable communities
- exclusion from correctional centres of officers and visitors who have:
 - travelled overseas within the past 14 days
 - visited or travelled through COVID-19 declared hotspots under the *Public Health Act 2005*, or other locations requested or advised by Queensland Health in the last 14 days
 - cold or flu-like symptoms or temperature greater than 38 degrees.

Limited activities

- work camps continue
- programs and interventions continue in accordance with COVID-19 management plans of providers
- encourage technology-enabled visits to facilitate professional visits
- court appearance by video-conference is maximised as preferred delivery model, where permitted
- use of secure video-conference capability to facilitate prisoner contact with friends and family, in addition to in-person visits.

Which policy applies?

'Managing new admission reception prisoners and COVID-19 – Stage 1'
'Managing Vulnerable Prisoners'
'Managing At Risk Employees'

CUSTODIAL COVID-19 SAFE PLAN – Prisoner Reception
CUSTODIAL COVID-19 SAFE PLAN – Correctional Centre Visitors – Professional, Official or Other Business Purposes
CUSTODIAL COVID-19 SAFE PLAN – Personal Visitors

Stage 2

Restrictions include all Stage 1 restrictions plus (subject to risk assessment and health advice):

- No confirmed cases in the correctional centre
- Level of local community transmission is moderate

Restrictions include:

- management of new receptions under 'Managing prisoner receptions, transfers, discharges and releases during COVID-19 restricted operations' policy. All new reception prisoners are to quarantine for 14 days (cumulative)
- management of visitors under the relevant COVID-19 Safe Plans
- Leave of Absence applications to be considered case-by-case and decided on the basis of risk
- minimisation of prisoner and officer movement between centres/units as much as possible.

Limited activities

- work camps can continue subject to risk assessment
- industries, education and out of cell time to continue to the greatest extent possible
- programs and interventions can continue, subject to the availability and COVID-19 management plans of providers
- technology enabled visits are maintained as a delivery channel in addition to in-person professional and personal visits
- court appearance by video-conference is maximised as preferred delivery model, where permitted.

Which policy applies?

'Managing prisoner receptions, transfers, discharges and releases during COVID-19 restricted operations'
'Managing Vulnerable Prisoners'
'Managing At Risk Employees'

CUSTODIAL COVID-19 SAFE PLAN – Correctional Centre Visitors – Professional, Official or Other Business Purposes

Stage 3

Restrictions include all Stage 1 and 2 restrictions plus (subject to risk assessment and health advice):

- Confirmed cases in the correctional centre
- Level of local community transmission is high

Restrictions include:

- all visitor access (personal and professional) suspended except for:
 - the following persons where access is approved by the Commissioner - accredited visitors, casual site visitors, government visitors, elders, respected persons and spiritual healers or religious visitors or professional visitors whose attendance is necessary to perform health duties or provide psychological care
 - law enforcement visitors
 - emergency services officers
- use of telephone and technology-enabled visits to facilitate personal and professional visits
- suspension of programs and interventions by external providers that cannot be delivered remotely or in accordance with an approved COVID-19 SAFE Plan
- notify Queensland Health prior to releasing any prisoner from custody
- health services limited to essential services only (outpatient appointments reviewed by Queensland Health)
- COVID-19 positive prisoners managed in accordance with 'Management of COVID-19 Positive Prisoners' policy

Limited activities

- continuation of work camps to be reviewed.

Which policy applies?

'Managing prisoner receptions, transfers, discharges and releases during COVID-19 restricted operations'
'Managing Vulnerable Prisoners'
'Managing At Risk Employees'
'Management of COVID-19 Positive Prisoners'

CUSTODIAL COVID-19 SAFE PLAN – Correctional Centre Visitors – Professional, Official or Other Business Purposes

Stage 4

Restrictions include all Stage 1, 2 and 3 restrictions plus:

- Increasing number of confirmed cases in the correctional centre or as advised by Queensland Health
- Level of local community transmission indicates risk of infection is very high

Restrictions include:

- All visitor access suspended
- new receptions quarantined for 14 days
- new receptions diverted to other centres where practicable
- Leave of Absence process suspended
- at risk employees not to attend centre
- officer movement limited to centre and units
- full or partial lock down of centre, with prisoners confined to cell or unit, as determined by Queensland Health advice
 - Industries and non-essential out-of-cell or unit time and movement throughout centre suspended
- COVID-19 testing as per advice of Queensland Health.

Limited activities

- Use of telephone and technology enabled visits are maintained where practicable as a delivery channel in lieu of in-person professional visits
- court appearance by video-conference is maximised as preferred delivery model, where permitted
- use of secure video-conferencing capability to facilitate prisoner contact with friends and family.

Which policy applies?

'Managing prisoner receptions, transfers, discharges and releases during COVID-19 restricted operations'
'Managing Vulnerable Prisoners'
'Managing At Risk Employees'
'Managing COVID-19 Positive Prisoners'

CUSTODIAL COVID-19 SAFE PLAN – Correctional Centre Visitors – Professional, Official or Other Business Purposes