

OFFICE OF  
**Liquor and Gaming**  
REGULATION



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**Further notice to licensees about COVID-19 and mass gatherings**

Yesterday we advised industry of the Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young's direction about non-essential indoor gatherings of 100 persons or more. In summary:

- A person who owns, controls or operates a premises must not allow a gathering of 100 or more persons in a single undivided indoor space at the same time
- In any given space, there must be a density of no more than one person per four square metres of floor space.

Thank you to the vast majority of licensees who have taken the necessary steps to protect their patrons, staff and the wider community. We have seen some good examples of crowd limiting, health hygiene and signage.

Unfortunately some licensees have failed in their duty as licensees and to the broader community.

Let me be very clear - this is an enforceable public health direction taken in the public interest.

Inspectors from the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation and the Queensland Police Service will be working together and patrolling venues to ensure compliance. You risk fines and the immediate closure of your venue if you fail to comply.

Regards,

**Victoria Thomson**  
Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming