

COVID-19 UPDATE



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Eased restrictions don't change how you can currently trade

Dear licensee

On Sunday 26 April the Premier announced that from midnight on Friday 1 May some stay-at-home restrictions introduced in response to the COVID-19 health crisis would be eased.

A full list can be viewed [here](#).

The Queensland Chief Health Officer's (CHO's) Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering Direction has been amended to allow for recreation within a 50km radius of the person's principal place of residence.

Recreation means an activity engaged in for pleasure or for mental health benefits, including having a picnic in a park or public space that are allowed to remain open.

The CHO's direction for non-essential business, activity and undertaking closures has not changed as a result of these relaxations.

This means how you can currently trade has **not** changed.

If you're currently permitted to sell takeaway food and alcohol, it still **can't** be consumed inside or adjacent to the venue, regardless of the size of your outdoor area.

The limited easing of some home confinement and movement restrictions for public areas, such as parks, do not extend to licensed premises and adjacent areas.

With restrictions around some outdoor activities being relaxed, it's also important to remind your patrons who purchase takeaway alcohol from your venue that in Queensland drinking alcohol in a public place is illegal and on-the-spot fines apply. The only exceptions are 'wet areas' designated by a local council, normally for particular occasions such as a wedding in a park.

The strong message to patrons purchasing alcohol is to 'take-home'.

Compliance officers from the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) will be working closely with the Queensland Police Service to ensure compliance with existing CHO restrictions.

Regards

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