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Hello Downs Rugby Community,

Please refer regularly to [www.downsrugby.com.au](http://www.downsrugby.com.au) for the latest update.

### **Advice Received from Queensland Rugby**

The source of Queensland Rugby's current statement is available at

<https://qld.rugby/covid19/current-statement>

The above website has been updated and will be constantly. Below is the key information recently updated:

#### Information from Queensland Government 11 Jan 2022

##### **Key messages**

Organisations should be familiar with current restrictions and potential implications for particular activities and be prepared to manage risks.

It's important to develop communication to members highlighting key messages and practical steps being implemented to keep the community safe during this time. A key message we would like to highlight in communications to your affiliated clubs and members is that a condition of entry is to not have any COVID symptoms. Given the large spread of cases in the community at the moment, it needs to be clear to patrons that anyone with symptoms is not permitted to attend and will be refused entry. It's vital for our health response to ensure resources are available to those who need them most as we head towards the peak over the coming weeks.

It's more important than ever to continue to promote the key COVID Safe measures - promotion of social distancing, wearing of face masks when required, maintaining good hand hygiene, staying home when you are sick, use of the Check In Qld app, vaccinations and boosters when eligible and COVID-19 testing if you have developed symptoms.

Continued compliance is critical during this time. Restrictions under the Health Directions are enforceable; if a person is refusing to comply, you can call the police for assistance. A person who does not comply could receive a court-imposed penalty of up to \$13,785 or 6 months' imprisonment.

As Queensland is no longer listing exposure sites, you may not be aware of a positive case at an event or community organisation. It important you prepare/distribute communiques to members asking that they notify the clubs or association of a positive test result to ensure the facility can be appropriately cleaned.



If your organisation has developed sport specific COVID safe material or Risk Management Plan, it is important you dedicate resources to update the guidance material to reflect the current situation.

Whilst not imposed through restrictions, it may be beneficial to reconsider some common practices during this time to help slow the spread of COVID-19. For example:

- Online sign-on/registration or smaller groups numbers of pre-season training
- Limiting use of changerooms or interaction with parents
- Delaying school holiday camps or come n try days
- Implement strategies to reduce time people are present at the facility
- Live streaming of events to limit the number of spectators

### Helpful resources and website links

The following websites include information regarding COVID-19 risk management strategies and plans, communication material, cleaning, and advice on responding to a positive COVID-19 case. Information contained at the links will provide valuable advice to support you during this time.

- [COVID Safe Businesses](#) - COVID Safe Checklist for Restricted Businesses and COVID Safe Management Plans
- [TGA approved Rapid Antigen Tests](#)
- [Rapid Antigen Test - Positive Result Registration Form](#) - you can also call 134268
- [WorkSafe](#) - Keeping your workplace safe, clean and healthy during COVID-19
- [Safe Work Australia](#) - how to clean and disinfect your workplace
- [Fair Work Ombudsman](#) - coronavirus and Australian workplace law
- [Business Queensland](#) - helpful resources including what to do when a business is affected by a COVID-19 case, COVID Safe Business planning and signage and communication materials
- [TAFE Queensland COVID Safe for Business course](#) - free module fully funded by the Queensland Government
- [Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status Direction](#) - for specific details regarding the current COVID-19 restrictions in Queensland

### Current restrictions for the sport, recreation and fitness activities

Both vaccinated and unvaccinated people can still participate in many sport, active recreation, and fitness activities including indoor and outdoor events - state-wide.

Indoor venues, activities and events are required to operate in accordance with the COVID Safe Checklist for Restricted Businesses and comply with occupant density limits apply.

These organisations are required to collect contact information via the Check In Qld app - please note you are not required to collect contact information if the person is or appears to be a primary or secondary school-aged child and is a part of a group attending an activity organised by a school, sporting team or community group. However, all escorting adults must check in.



Face masks are required in all indoor settings across Queensland including workplaces, indoor stadiums, sports arenas, sports centres, gyms and sport activities (exemptions apply). As always masks can be removed during strenuous exercise.

It is important to note that organisations are able to self-impose additional restrictions for patrons and can decide to refuse entry to unvaccinated persons. If your organisation or one of your affiliates is looking to self-impose restrictions relating to vaccination status, we would encourage to seek legal advice. The Fair Work Ombudsman has also released detailed advice for employers around mandating vaccinations.

### **Aspects of our industry that are impacted by the restrictions whereby vaccination is a requirement of entry**

Bowling alleys captured as indoor entertainment venues.

Major Stadiums with more than 5000 patrons.

High risk settings including education settings.

Commercial recreation organisation operating tourism experiences.

Hospitality venues such as cafe, clubs, restaurants and bars (licensed areas) that form a part of indoor sport centres, community halls and clubhouses - please note an unvaccinated person is permitted to enter to purchase takeaway and utilise amenities if they are a patron at the facility. Private hire is permitted however occupant density limits apply. Paid staff and volunteers working in this area are required to be vaccinated.

Sport and Recreation are seeking further clarification around the multi-purpose use of Showgrounds, which are currently impacted by the restrictions.

### **Other restrictions impacting sport, recreation and fitness**

From 1 January 2022 there are updated definitions and requirements for confirmed cases and close contacts.

- You are considered a close contact if you are a household member or a household-like contact of a diagnosed person.
- The definition of a household-like contact is a person who has spent more than four hours with the diagnosed person in a house or other place of accommodation, care facility or similar. The quarantine period is 7 days from the date the diagnosed person took the initial test that returned a positive result.

From 9 January 2022, a close contact who is a critically essential worker can leave quarantine to their workplace provided the critically essential worker and their employer meet the requirements. Our current advice is that anyone involved in the delivery of sport, recreation and fitness does not meet the definition of a critically essential worker.



From 31 December 2021, Queensland will no longer routinely list exposure sites in Queensland due to the widespread transmission we are currently experiencing. Queensland will only notify of major outbreak venues or super-spreader events.

From 23 January 2022, mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations will be required for all people working or delivering a service at a school or early childhood education and care setting. This includes contractors, volunteers, regulators and auditors. Learn more about the [vaccination requirements for workers in high risk settings](#).

- Activity Providers/Organisers who wish to attend schools to provide extra-curricular activities (e.g. community use of school facilities), within or outside hours, will be required to be fully vaccinated due to providing a service to or at a school.
- However, the participants in extra-curricular activities at schools can be regarded as visitors to the schools and therefore are not required to be vaccinated.



# COVID PROTOCOLS

- CHECK IN** 
- WEAR A FACE MASK INDOORS** 
- MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING** 
- PRACTICE GOOD HAND HYGIENE** 
- TAKE YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE - DON'T SHARE** 
- STAY HOME IF UNWELL** 





<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/queensland-restrictions-update/public-health-and-social-measures-linked-to-vaccination-status>

**Please see advice below Annexure A** from Amy Dieckmann, Events Manager at Toowoomba Sports Ground. 5,000 total people in 'Stadium' rule is the current advice (subject to change at any time). See below...

*NOTE: Teenage Grand Final is generally 1,000-1,200 pax and Senior Grand Final is generally 1,750 – 2,300 pax.*

- [Roma Santos Festival of Rugby 11-12 February 2022](#) is considered 'an outdoor entertainment activity, indoor hospitality (within the clubhouse) and a music festival. All three **ban unvaccinated people** aged 16 or over from attending.' **Refer e-mail** Annexure B from QRU yesterday 30<sup>th</sup> November. This includes players, anyone attending the venue.
- **Community Sport:** I have spoken to Gaven Head, QRU's GM of Community Rugby.
- 'Outdoor community sport from week to week is currently unaffected by everyone's vaccination status.'
- **NOTE: Licenced Areas very much a different story. Follow:**  
<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/queensland-restrictions-80-percent-vaccination>  
*NOTE: Licenced Club Areas eg. Sunnybank: their canteen, changerooms, toilets **are all licenced areas – therefore require proof of double vaccination for each individual to enter.***
- Your resource is: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19>.
- Information for your Organisation needs to be fully considered with all factors taken into account.
- There is no vaccination mandate from QSport, Queensland Rugby or Downs Rugby Limited for Community Sport from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- Downs Rugby Limited fully adheres to Queensland Health or State Government directions.
- Much can change once our State Government / Queensland Health potentially opens our State or has to respond to the [Omicron Variant](#) / Outbreaks like others in the past.
- Downs Rugby Limited will keep you updated as soon as possible as there is any development or update required.
- Stay Safe, informed, and communicate with your organisation accordingly.
- Source: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19>



Attending Suncorp Stadium for a Reds / Super W / Wallabies match etc., will from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 until further notice, require full vaccination status to enter the facility.

Following Q&A from <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/queensland-restrictions-80-percent-vaccination>

**Will I still need to check-in at venues?**

Yes, you will still need to use the Check-In Qld app at these venues. It is important for our Public Health officials to still be able to make contact with people who may have been at an exposure site, and the [Check-In Qld app](#) is the quickest and easiest way to do this.

**What services and activities are going to be restricted for unvaccinated people?**

These restrictions target non-essential leisure activities, including attending:

- **hospitality venues such as hotels, pubs, clubs, taverns, bars, restaurants or cafes **(take note if your Organisation has Licenced Area(s): this applies)****
- indoor entertainment venues such as nightclubs, live music venues, karaoke bars, concerts, theatres or cinemas
- outdoor entertainment activities such as sporting stadiums, theme parks or tourism experience like reef excursions
- festivals – either indoor or outdoor – such as musical festivals, folk festivals or arts festivals
- Queensland Government owned galleries, museums or libraries.

**Can I take my unvaccinated children to a restaurant or a stadium?**

- We encourage every person 12 years of age or older to get the vaccine.
- If your child is less than 16 years of age, yes. These restrictions only apply to those aged 16 and over.

If you have any queries, please call me on 0431 134 236.

Regards,

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## Annexure A

**From:** Amy Dieckmann <Amy.Dieckmann@dtis.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 December 2021 10:54 AM  
**To:** Matthew Hammond <matthew.hammond@downsrugby.com.au>  
**Subject:** RE: clarification 5,000 minimum | 'Stadium' | Vaccination status

Hi Matt,

As mentioned this is the advice that **Stadium Qld** are following at this stage.

- **For events 5000+** the following COVID Rules apply:
  - All staff, players, contractors, service providers and officials all must have vaccination.
  - No separation of areas or zones.
  - No QR code check-ins
  - All spectators will need to provide proof of vaccination on entry. No vaccination, no entry.
  - **Events under 5000 there are no mandates for vaccination at this stage for any players, officials or spectators.**

[https://www.stadiums.qld.gov.au/stadiums/Novel\\_coronavirus.aspx](https://www.stadiums.qld.gov.au/stadiums/Novel_coronavirus.aspx)

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## Annexure B

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 1:35 PM

**To:** Gaven Head <[Gaven.Head@redsrugby.com.au](mailto:Gaven.Head@redsrugby.com.au)>;

**Subject:** Roma Festival of Rugby - vaccination status

All,

We are still waiting on the formal Public Health Direction to confirm this, but the initial advice from the Government is that all spectators at the Roma Festival of Rugby will need to be fully vaccinated to gain entry.

The relevant document is here: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/queensland-restrictions-80-percent-vaccination>

Essentially Roma will qualify as an outdoor entertainment activity, indoor hospitality (within the clubhouse) and a music festival. All three ban unvaccinated people aged 16 or over from attending.

Cheers

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