

Queensland COVID-19 – Thursday, April 9

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Premier and Minister for Trade

[The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk](#)

Queensland will be further protected – physically and financially - from coronavirus, with new travel rules for residents returning from interstate, and rental security for tenants and owners.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said residents will need a permit from midnight tomorrow (Friday) night to come back into Queensland, whether by road or air.

As well, any Queenslanders returning from a virus hotspot will have to quarantine for 14 days.

“So, a very strong message today - Queenslanders, let’s do the right thing, stay in Queensland and stay in your suburb,” Ms Palaszczuk said.

The Premier said the latest statistics were again encouraging, with ten new cases for a total of 953, of whom 372 have recovered.

“So let’s not put all of our good work at risk. You should not be travelling,” she said.

- Meanwhile legislation will ensure residential and commercial rental protections.

A national freeze on evictions will be implemented, there's new criteria for rental grants, \$400 million in land tax relief for property owners, and compulsory conciliation for disputes.

An online rental hub covid19.qld.gov.au/the-hub has all of the information and resources to support discussions between property owners and renters.

Also today:

- An overall website has been launched: covid19.qld.gov.au
- More National Park areas are closed, including swimming holes, trails and carparks.

CASES

- New: 10 Total: 953 Deaths: 5 Recovered: 372 Active: 576 Tests: 66,766

Most cases are patients who went overseas or contacted a patient who went overseas. The Chief Health Officer has ordered more testing for community transmission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [10 new cases](#) take total to 953
- Rental protections for [residential](#) and [commercial](#) tenants and owners
- More areas are [closed in national parks](#)
- [Purchase of Gladstone’s Mater Hospital](#) so it stays open for COVID-19 cases

HEALTH DIRECTIONS

- [Home, movement and gathering restrictions](#)
- Travel restricted to [Fraser, Moreton and North Stradbroke Islands](#)

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