



THE TORRES STRAIT LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP



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COVID-19 CAIRNS LOCKDOWN

Monday, 9 August 2021 Update

Joint statement from Torres Shire Council Mayor Cr. Vonda Malone, and Torres Strait Island Regional Council Mayor Cr. Phillemon Mosby.

From 4pm Sunday 8 August, the Cairns Regional Council and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Local Government Areas will go into lockdown for three days.

If you are from Cairns, or a resident of the Torres Strait returning from Cairns, after 4pm Sunday 8 August 2021, you must comply with the lockdown requirements for Cairns.

Please get tested if you have even the mildest symptoms.

COMMUNITY REMINDER:

- Anyone, anywhere in Queensland who has any symptoms what so ever should get a COVID-19 test asap.
- This is particularly important for people who have been in Cairns area since Monday, 26 July 2021.
- The TSLDMG is urging community residents to check exposure venues. Don't wait for a phone call, immediately act based on the advice on the Queensland Health website.
- Residents who have returned from Cairns after 4pm on Sunday, 8 August 2021 may leave their home for essential reasons, as per the Queensland COVID Safe Road Map and Public Health Direction <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions>
- People can transit through Cairns as long as they do this in the quickest and most direct way that is possible and safe.

Media Enquires:

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TRAVEL:

If you have been in Cairns Regional Council or Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Local Government Areas since the lockdown commenced but have since returned to your home outside these areas you must observe the lockdown rules.

REMEMBER THE 'NEW NORMAL':

- Maintain physical distancing (1.5m)
- Wear a mask when distancing is not possible, and carry a mask at all times outside your residence
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Check In Qld app for effective contact tracing
- Rapidly responding to outbreaks
- Travel restrictions from hot spots
- COVID Safe Checklist in place
- Get vaccinated

For more information, please contact your local Council Office:

Torres Shire Council - Phone: 07 40691 336 - Email: admin@torres.qld.gov.au

Website: [COVID-19 – Torres Shire Council](#)

Torres Strait Island Regional Council - Phone: 07 4034 5700 - Email: info@tsirc.qld.gov.au

Website: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information & Updates | Torres Strait Island Regional Council \(tsirc.qld.gov.au\)](#)

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