



Community Message 6

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update from Croydon Shire Council

I would like to thank the Croydon community for doing a great job following health directions and restrictions during these really challenging times. There have been so many changes in a short time and everyone has adapted well, our community is a resilient bunch.

Thank you also to Croydon Shire Council staff who are ensuring essential services are provided and maintenance continues throughout this situation.

Queensland Health's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young said "even though Queensland has recorded very low numbers of cases this week, Queenslanders are reminded to continue staying home as much as possible, and stay in their suburb when undertaking essential activities such as going to the supermarket or exercising".

Queensland's testing criteria has now been expanded so that anyone in the state who has a fever (or history of fever) or acute respiratory symptoms can get tested.

If you are unwell and you meet the above criteria, you should contact the Croydon Clinic immediately. The doctor will decide if you need to be tested for COVID-19. Before your present to the clinic, please call ahead on 4748 7000 and tell them about your symptoms so they can prepare for your visit.

Council continues to implement our Prevention and Response Plan to appropriately minimise the risk and potential impact from COVID-19. Daily temperature testing is happening at all Council offices, depots, work sites and the Childcare Centre.

All Council contractors and their employees are also required to follow Council's plan:

- Contact with staff is minimised with contact preferred via mobile phone
- Adhere to social distancing requirements
- Adhere to hygiene and sanitising practices
- All staff and contractors to have daily temperature testing
- Stay home if sick, particularly if you are displaying flu like symptoms
- All plant and vehicles cleaned on a regular basis and before each employee use

Council facilities remain closed to protect against COVID-19, a full list of facility closures are available on Council's website <https://www.croydon.qld.gov.au/>

A reminder.....

Wash your hands often and properly, practice social distancing, which includes staying 1.5m away from others and stay home where possible and if you are sick.



The links below provide the most up to date COVID-19 information and advice for all Queenslanders.

All Queensland Government advice www.covid19.qld.gov.au

Health advice visit www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19

Resources including posters and factsheets visit www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/find-the-facts/resources

Health advice translated into several languages visit www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/find-the-facts/translated-resources

Travel advice visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au/news-and-updates/coronavirus-covid-19

Advice on economic assistance for affected industries and small business visit www.qld.gov.au/industryrecovery

I encourage you to download the COVIDSafe app to assist Department of Health to slow the spread of COVID-19. The app can assist to protect you, your family and friends. The app helps find close contacts of COVID-19 cases and helps health officials to quickly contact people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. The new COVIDSafe app is completely voluntary. More information about the app can be found at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>

You can also download the official government “Coronavirus Australia” app to your device.

Council continues to monitor the situation and will advise accordingly of additional changes that may be required.

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