



THE TORRES STRAIT LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP



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COVID-19 GREATER BRISBANE LOCKDOWN

The paramount focus of the Torres Strait Local Disaster Management Group (TSLDMG) remains prevention of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) from entering the region.

The Torres Strait Local Disaster Management Group held an extraordinary meeting yesterday (30/03/2021) with representatives from key regional agencies, Torres Strait Island Regional Council and Torres Shire Council to discuss the current Greater Brisbane Lockdown and the impact on our region.

The following resolution was made, and moved, at the TSLDMG's extraordinary meeting:

Resolution 1:

Move to Alert Status

Resolution 2:

Implement the critical trigger points identified by the TSLDMG in the event of an escalation of the current situation in the region through to District Disaster Management Group (DDMG) and onto State Disaster Management Group (SDMG).

Resolution 3:

Raise with the DDMG the TSLDMG concerns in relation to the shortage of masks in the region to increase supply.

Resolution 4:

Coordinate urgent community messaging through a Joint Media Release.

Due to positive cases of the UK strain of COVID-19 being confirmed in Brisbane, the Greater Brisbane area has been placed into lockdown from 5:00pm Monday 29 March 2021 to 5:00pm Thursday 1 April 2021 to allow for contact tracing to be undertaken.

Anyone who was in the Greater Brisbane area, has travelled back from and returned to the Torres Strait on or since **Saturday 20 March 2021** is required to follow the same lockdown rules and isolate.

The rest of Queensland are required to carry a mask at all time and wear these when indoors or outdoors and unable to physically distance.

Gatherings have been restricted to 30 people indoors (including in private homes) and 500 people outdoors.

Community members are urged to adhere to the Queensland Government's COVID-19 restrictions.

In our efforts to protect the community Torres Shire, Torres Strait Island Regional Council and Queensland Police Service will be monitoring the return of students and community members over the Easter long weekend.

Anyone with any COVID-19 symptoms (as follows), no matter how mild, should get tested immediately and isolate until you receive a negative result.

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Fatigue
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting or nausea
- Loss of smell and/or taste

Communities are encouraged to keep up to date with information from the following channels:

- Local Health Centres
- Visiting Queensland Health's website: www.health.qld.gov.au
- Call 134 268

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