



COVID-19 Update

Friday 3 September 2021

In the past few days, there have been some [contact tracing locations](#) listed in south east Queensland. It is important that everyone checks this list on a daily basis. If you have attended a location listed, you must follow the necessary guidelines around isolation and getting tested.

A few things you need to remember:

From last Friday, all congregations across Queensland are required to adhere to the requirements of the [Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction](#). In addition to adhering to this direction, the 11 local government areas are also required to follow the [Restrictions for Impacted Areas \(SEQ eased restrictions stage 3\) Direction](#). This direction largely addresses the face mask requirement, which will be reviewed on 10 September.

- Occupant density is consistent regardless as to the size of the building.
- It is one person per two square metres for indoor spaces, or;
- 100 per cent capacity using a ticketed and allocated seating model in indoor spaces.
- Occupant density does not need to be calculated for outdoor spaces however attendees need to be reminded to physically distance to the extent possible.
- Funerals and weddings can take place applying the same occupant densities as for a place of worship.
- The [COVID Safe Checklist: Restricted Businesses](#) needs to be completed and displayed at all places of worship. The checklist was updated on 27 August to include a section 7 that relates to face masks in impacted areas.
- Gatherings in homes or outdoor public spaces is limited to 100 people.
- Community centres and halls can open under the same occupant density limits.
- Attendees can stand whilst partaking of food and drink.
- Face masks remain mandatory in the impacted regions. They must always be carried when a person leaves their place of residence. There are some occasions when masks can be removed including:
 - When eating and drinking
 - Outdoors when it is possible to physically distance from others
 - Indoor workplaces but only when the workers can be 1.5 metres apart
 - Teachers and students are still wearing masks at all times whilst at school however it is still in order for a mask to be removed where clear enunciation or visibility of the mouth is essential in a place of worship. This includes a ministry agent, staff member, volunteer or other worker while leading the service. Back-up singers that can remain 1.5 metres from each other can also remove their masks but put it back on after speaking or singing and before leaving the lectern or pulpit.
 - A mask can be removed when communicating with the deaf or hard of hearing however the mask should be replaced with a face shield when doing so.
- These same mask rules apply to anyone who was in the impacted areas for 14 days from the last day the person was in the impacted area or until restrictions are eased, whichever occurs sooner.

Check In Qld App

There have been some changes made to the Check In Qld App this week that will assist in protecting an individual's privacy even further as well as making checking in to locations a person has attended in the last 56 days a lot quicker.

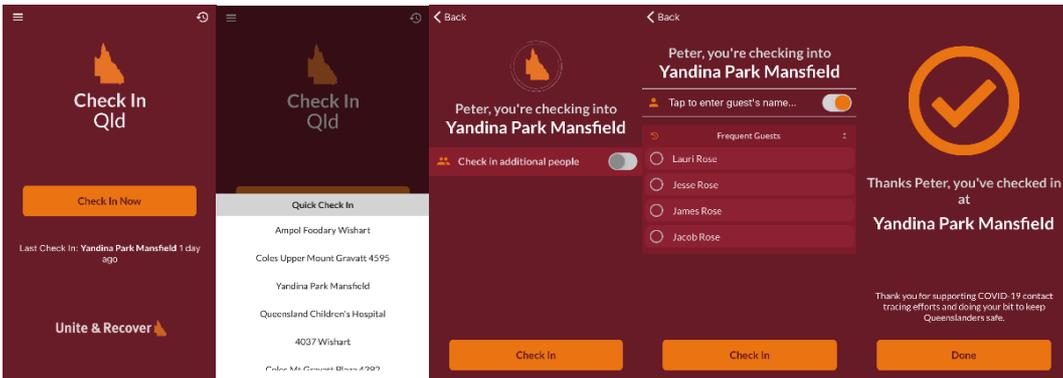
Currently when you open the app it shows the personal information that is connected to the device.



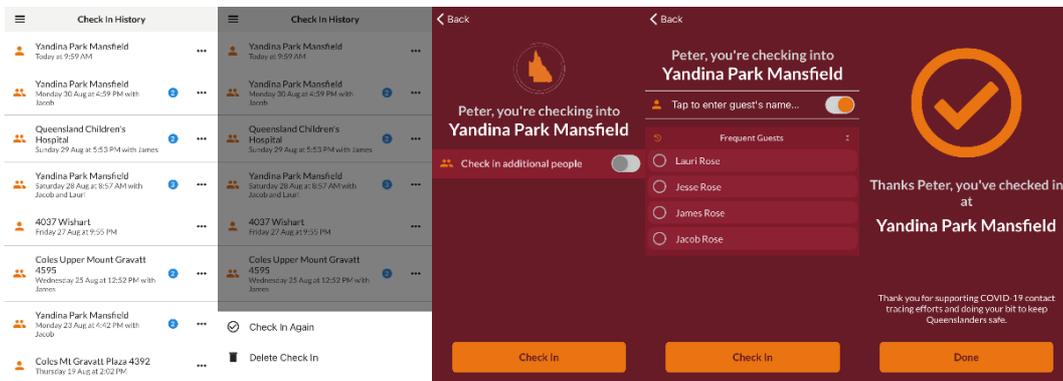
Within settings now it is possible to remove the personal information from the home screen. Go to the hamburger in the top left corner and then choose settings. At the bottom is the option to display profile on home. Switch this off and you will then have a more basic home screen instead.



The other new feature, which will remove the long lines of people waiting to scan as they arrive at church, is that it is now possible for a user to check in without having to scan the code at your place of worship. The quickest way to check into a previous location once again is to go to the little clock in the top right hand corner. This will display a list of all locations visited in last 56 days which can be scrolled through and selected from.



It is also possible to check in from a devices history by clicking on the hamburger in the top left-hand corner and then choose history. By clicking on the three dots to the right of a previous check in you will have the options of checking in again or of deleting the check in from your device. Select check in again and you will see the normal check in options once again.



It is important to note that deleting the check in simply removes it from the local device's history. The information is still retained in accordance with the public health directions for the full 56 days.

A final reminder for people organising or attending an outdoor wedding or funeral that the Check In Qld app or collection of contact information is not required.

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