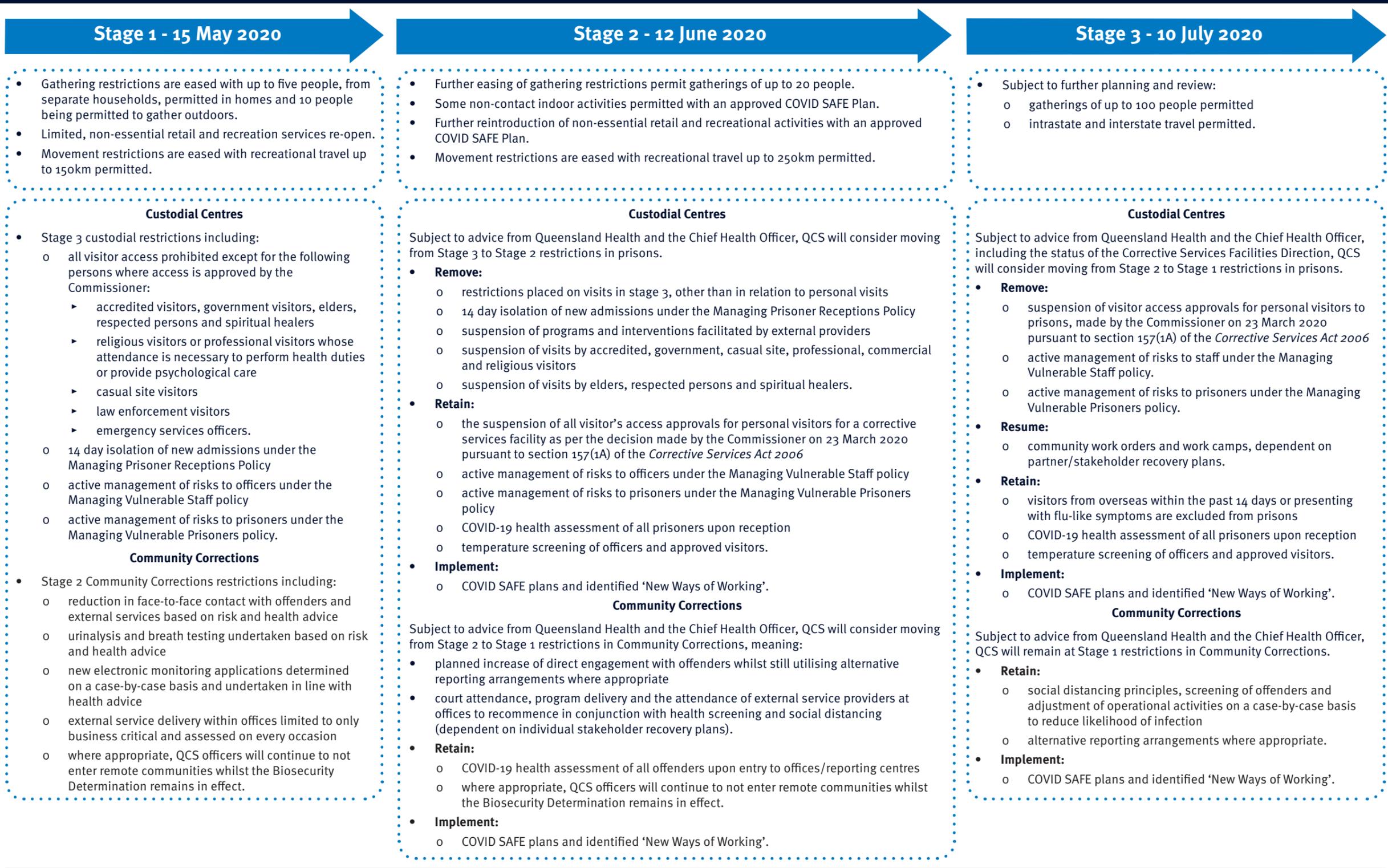# COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Recovery Commencement Plan

Queensland Government Roadmap to easing Queensland's restrictions

- Minimum of four weeks between stages
- Indicators suggest a move would **NOT** present an undue risk
- Testing is widespread and adequately identifies community transmission
- Point source outbreaks are effectively contained by public health actions

Queensland Corrective Services Recovery Commencement Plan principles:

- **Lawful and proportionate**

  Restrictions and controls that impinge on the rights and freedom of individuals are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain authorised by law and the least restrictive and most reasonable way of achieving the stated purpose

- **Risk-based**

  The safety of officers and all people in our care will continue to be our priority, and all decisions about easing restrictions will be informed by the likelihood of infection and its potential impact in each of our operating environments

- **Responsive**

  Our recovery approach is flexible and responsive to community developments, local conditions and up-to-date knowledge and best practice approaches

Please note:

Although QCS has aligned its recovery with the Queensland Government's Roadmap, QCS' stage numbers decrease as restrictions ease rather than increase.

All QCS stages assume declared public health emergency has not ended.

Stage 1 - 15 May 2020

- Gathering restrictions are eased with up to five people, from separate households, permitted in homes and 10 people being permitted to gather outdoors.
- Limited, non-essential retail and recreation services re-open.
- Movement restrictions are eased with recreational travel up to 150km permitted.

Custodial Centres

- Stage 3 custodial restrictions including:
  - all visitor access prohibited except for the following persons where access is approved by the Commissioner:
    - accredited visitors, government visitors, elders, respected persons and spiritual healers
    - religious visitors or professional visitors whose attendance is necessary to perform health duties or provide psychological care
    - casual site visitors
    - law enforcement visitors
    - emergency services officers.
  - 14 day isolation of new admissions under the Managing Prisoner Receptions Policy
  - active management of risks to officers under the Managing Vulnerable Staff policy
  - active management of risks to prisoners under the Managing Vulnerable Prisoners policy.

Community Corrections

- Stage 2 Community Corrections restrictions including:
  - reduction in face-to-face contact with offenders and external services based on risk and health advice
  - urinalysis and breath testing undertaken based on risk and health advice
  - new electronic monitoring applications determined on a case-by-case basis and undertaken in line with health advice
  - external service delivery within offices limited to only business critical and assessed on every occasion
  - where appropriate, QCS officers will continue to not enter remote communities whilst the Biosecurity Determination remains in effect.

Stage 2 - 12 June 2020

- Further easing of gathering restrictions permit gatherings of up to 20 people.
- Some non-contact indoor activities permitted with an approved COVID SAFE Plan.
- Further reintroduction of non-essential retail and recreational activities with an approved COVID SAFE Plan.
- Movement restrictions are eased with recreational travel up to 250km permitted.

Custodial Centres

Subject to advice from Queensland Health and the Chief Health Officer, QCS will consider moving from Stage 3 to Stage 2 restrictions in prisons.

- **Remove:**
  - restrictions placed on visits in stage 3, other than in relation to personal visits
  - 14 day isolation of new admissions under the Managing Prisoner Receptions Policy
  - suspension of programs and interventions facilitated by external providers
  - suspension of visits by accredited, government, casual site, professional, commercial and religious visitors
  - suspension of visits by elders, respected persons and spiritual healers.
- **Retain:**
  - the suspension of all visitor's access approvals for personal visitors for a corrective services facility as per the decision made by the Commissioner on 23 March 2020 pursuant to section 157(1A) of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*
  - active management of risks to officers under the Managing Vulnerable Staff policy
  - active management of risks to prisoners under the Managing Vulnerable Prisoners policy
  - COVID-19 health assessment of all prisoners upon reception
  - temperature screening of officers and approved visitors.
- **Implement:**
  - COVID SAFE plans and identified 'New Ways of Working'.

Community Corrections

Subject to advice from Queensland Health and the Chief Health Officer, QCS will consider moving from Stage 2 to Stage 1 restrictions in Community Corrections, meaning:

- planned increase of direct engagement with offenders whilst still utilising alternative reporting arrangements where appropriate
- court attendance, program delivery and the attendance of external service providers at offices to recommence in conjunction with health screening and social distancing (dependent on individual stakeholder recovery plans).
- **Retain:**
  - COVID-19 health assessment of all offenders upon entry to offices/reporting centres
  - where appropriate, QCS officers will continue to not enter remote communities whilst the Biosecurity Determination remains in effect.
- **Implement:**
  - COVID SAFE plans and identified 'New Ways of Working'.

Stage 3 - 10 July 2020

- Subject to further planning and review:
  - gatherings of up to 100 people permitted
  - intrastate and interstate travel permitted.

Custodial Centres

Subject to advice from Queensland Health and the Chief Health Officer, including the status of the Corrective Services Facilities Direction, QCS will consider moving from Stage 2 to Stage 1 restrictions in prisons.

- **Remove:**
  - suspension of visitor access approvals for personal visitors to prisons, made by the Commissioner on 23 March 2020 pursuant to section 157(1A) of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*
  - active management of risks to staff under the Managing Vulnerable Staff policy.
  - active management of risks to prisoners under the Managing Vulnerable Prisoners policy.
- **Resume:**
  - community work orders and work camps, dependent on partner/stakeholder recovery plans.
- **Retain:**
  - visitors from overseas within the past 14 days or presenting with flu-like symptoms are excluded from prisons
  - COVID-19 health assessment of all prisoners upon reception
  - temperature screening of officers and approved visitors.
- **Implement:**
  - COVID SAFE plans and identified 'New Ways of Working'.

Community Corrections

Subject to advice from Queensland Health and the Chief Health Officer, QCS will remain at Stage 1 restrictions in Community Corrections.

- **Retain:**
  - social distancing principles, screening of offenders and adjustment of operational activities on a case-by-case basis to reduce likelihood of infection
  - alternative reporting arrangements where appropriate.
- **Implement:**
  - COVID SAFE plans and identified 'New Ways of Working'.

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Communication	**Officers, prisoners and community:** • complexity of the journey to recovery, including likelihood of seqsequent waves of infection and restrictions • QCS' priority is to continue to protect officers while ensuring the safety and security of the correctional environment.	**Officers and prisoners:** • reassurance that the situation is being proactively managed and restrictions are being reviewed regularly to ensure ongoing need and proportionality.	**Officers:** • the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 to support informed management decisions.
New ways of working	• Secure video conferencing to connect prisoners to family and friends. • Court appearance by video conference - preferred. • Secure video and telephone conferencing to facilitate legal and professional visits.	• Promote prisoner access to legal representation. • Electronic mail for prisoners to improve timeliness and security of correspondence. • Stronger collaboration with government and non-government partners.	• Secure electronic funds transfer to improve timeliness and security of prisoner payments from friends and family. • Use of technology to improve the efficiency and safety of remote delivery service.
Ongoing requirements	• Social distancing, where practical. • Hand and respiratory hygiene.	• Enhanced cleaning practices. • Use of PPE where contact is required.	• Inventory management and deployment. • Support and information to victims of crime. • Environmental scanning and situational reporting.