The Federal Government has banned large indoor and outdoor gatherings to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), and this includes sorry business and family gatherings.

We know sorry business and other cultural reasons for large gatherings in communities are very important, but it is important to understand that it will put Elders and others who are already ill at serious risk if you don’t observe health advice.

Social distancing

Please follow health precautions to help protect yourself and your community by practicing good hygiene, self-isolation and social distancing even during this time of grieving.

What is social distancing?

- staying at home when you are unwell
- avoiding large public gatherings if they’re not essential
- keeping a distance of 1.5 metres between you and other people whenever possible
- minimising physical contact such as shaking hands.

Essential indoor gatherings should apply social distancing and good hygiene practices, including enough space to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people and providing hand hygiene products and suitable rubbish bins, with frequent cleaning and waste disposal. These measures also apply to outdoor spaces.

Help is available

If you or someone you care about is distressed, in crisis, suicidal or needs someone to talk to, help is available. The following services provide confidential, non-judgmental support.

This service is a confidential mental health telephone triage service for Queenslanders that provides the first point of contact to public mental health services.

1300 MH CALL (1300 642 255)

This service provides 24 hour assessment, referral, advice, and hospital and community health centre contact details.

13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)

More information

If you would like assistance with organising any of these options, please contact your local Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) office at www.datsip.qld.gov.au/people-communities/regional-centres