

Right to Information Application (RTI 2202) – COVID-19 Lockdown decisions

Scope of application

The health and medical advice that has led to the decision by the CHO and Qld Government to lockdown residents of Southeast Qld and other regions in Qld from 6pm Tuesday 29 June 2021 to 6pm Friday 2 July 2021.

Documents from the Qld CHO

Documents from other health authorities

Internal memos

Emails

Important information

Our priority is, and will always be, the health and safety of Queenslanders.

When putting in place directions or other measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Chief Health Officer has access to a range of expertise. These include: experienced staff such as clinicians, public health specialists, environmental health scientists, epidemiologists and policy advisors (both within and external to Queensland Health); and the advice of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and Communicable Diseases Network of Australia (CDNA).

A range of issues are considered before any restrictions may need to be put in place. These include:

- the number and nature of new cases in any state or local government area,*
- the amount of testing, including wastewater testing, being undertaken,*
- the restrictions in place in that state at the time,*
- the restrictions in place in Queensland at the time, and*
- information provided by that state's public health officials, including internal travel restrictions they may put in place to help manage any outbreak*

The Chief Health Officer public health directions can be found at: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers>