

UNITED DISABILITY CARE

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE

5th AUGUST 2020



GOVERNMENT AND NDIS INFORMATION

Latest from NDIS:

To better support NDIS participants during the extended coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, NDIS have made a temporary change to funding arrangements for personal protective equipment (PPE). These changes apply where coronavirus (COVID-19) is active your community, and the use of PPE is consistent with current health advice.

You can now recover the costs to purchase PPE items using your NDIS funds, if you;

- receive an average of at least one hour a day of face-to-face daily living supports, and
- live in Victoria or New South Wales.

Plan and self-managed participants can purchase PPE and record and claim their purchases in the usual way. Agency-managed participants can purchase PPE through registered providers.

If you need PPE items like face masks, face shields and gloves, and the use of these items is directly related to your face to face daily living supports, you can use your core supports budget to purchase these items. Previously only participants who used PPE as a regular part of their support arrangements were able to access PPE through their NDIS funds.

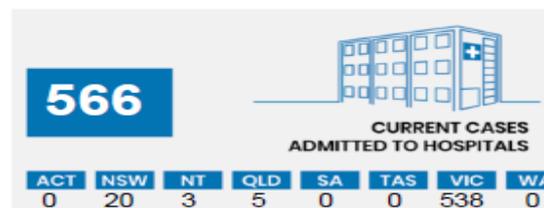
We encourage you to keep an adequate supply of the essential products, but do not stockpile more than you need.

Link to information for Participants: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/coronavirus/participants-coronavirus-covid-19>
NDIS Helpline: 1800 800 110

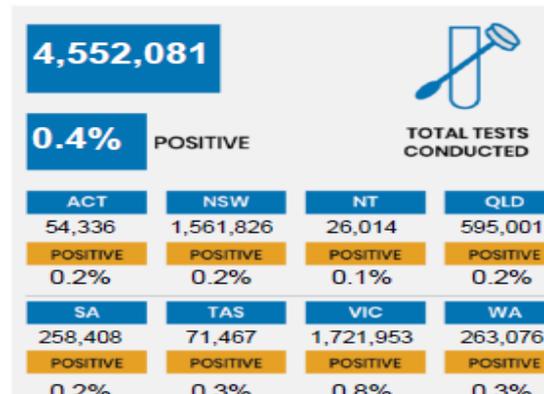
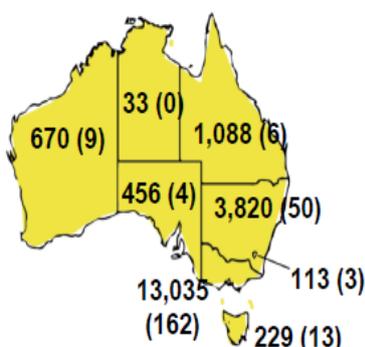
AUSTRALIA'S CURRENT SITUATION (as at 5th August 2020)

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-at-a-glance-5-august-2020>

CURRENT STATUS OF CONFIRMED CASES



CASES (DEATHS) BY STATE AND TERRITORIES



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RESTRICTIONS BY STATE – LATEST CHANGES

QUEENSLAND UPDATE

From 8th August Queensland Government will close its borders to all residents of NSW and ACT. Border passes will be required for all those travelling for essential reasons. The new boarder passes will require you to upload a photo of yourself and upon crossing the border you will need to provide photo I.D. with your declared address.

Providing support in Disability services and medical appointments are deemed essential and United Disability Employees must check and obtain a pass if one is required to carry out your work.

QUEENSLAND UPDATE CAN BE FOUND HERE: <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/>

NEW SOUTH WALES UPDATE

New South Wales have identified hotspots where recent cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed. If you have been to any of the locations identified during the time and date indicated you should:

- immediately [self-isolate](#) until 14 days after you were last there
- [get tested](#) even if you have no symptoms
- watch for [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and get retested should any symptoms recur
- even if you get a negative test, you must [stay in isolation for 14 days](#) (this is because it can take 14 days before you may show symptoms or test positive).

There are also a number of locations that if you have attended you must watch for COVID-19 Symptoms these can be found here. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

IN NSW IT IS HIGHLY RECCOMENDED THAT YOU WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN LEAVING YOUR HOME AND WHENEVER VISITING HIGHLY POPUTLATED AREAS SUCH AS SUPERMARKETS, RESTURANTS, PUBS OR CLUBS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA UPDATE

South Australia have changed the restrictions in place, as of the 5th August:

- A cap of 10 people for gatherings in private homes
- Food and beverages (including alcohol) are only consumed by patrons while seated at tables, away from any bar or ordering area.

As of the 29th July:

- Only essential travelers are able to enter SA from Victoria. South Australians are no longer able to return to SA from Victoria.

All Information for SA COVID restrictions can be found here:

<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities>

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UNITED DISABILITY PROTOCOLS – PLEASE READ

United Disability Care continue to prioritise the health and safety of the people we support and our employees by following strict protocols.

We are in the process of purchasing a reusable facemasks for all UDC workers, understanding whilst at the moment it is recommended in NSW that you wear a face mask it is not mandatory. We would like you to be able to wear a face mask if you wish to do so no matter which state you work in.

Clients and Employees are also at liberty to purchase your own and wear as you feel necessary.

Below is a reminder of current health and safety requirements:

- All employees taking leave must declare where they are travelling to and **submit a statutory declaration** to HR.
- Any employee travelling to an identified hotspot or overseas must factor in 14 days quarantine upon their return.
- **Employees who work with those in high risk categories and hotspots for COVID-19 may be restricted to working across fewer services for a period of time.**
- Employees not feeling well must **notify rosters and their manager and not attend work**
- Employees and visitors must **continue to have their temperature checked** upon arrival to any of our offices and residences and follow all hygiene protocols in place.
- Any employee that has been in direct contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 must not attend work, they must self-quarantine and undertake testing as indicted by the relevant State Health authorities.
- **Visitors to group homes must still be scheduled and cleaning requirements are still required to be undertaken between visits.**
- Where possible maintain the 1.5 metres social distancing guidelines
- Increased cleaning and personal hygiene requirements are still in place
- PPE to be worn in appropriate circumstances
- All staff travelling across border for essential work must have registered and obtained a border pass.
- We encourage the people we support to not visit tourist hotspots at this present time and will not be scheduling any group outing to such places.
- We also encourage the people we support to not attend shopping centres, pubs or clubs unless absolutely necessary and utilise online services where possible.
- All hotspot areas of COVID-19 in any state is to be avoided.

We encourage you all to continue to do what you can to prevent and stop the spread, the measures we have been adhering to over the last couple of months have assisted us in protecting those we support, our staff and our families. We will monitor the situation and if the risk increases, we will of course follow all government directives in each of the states we operate.

QUESTIONS & CONTACTING US If any staff, people we support or families have any questions we ask you not to hesitate to contact your Team Leader or Area Manager. Alternatively you are able to call or email us on 1800 454 850 info@uniteddisability.com.au and the appropriate person will assist you as soon as possible.