

Corrective Services Facilities Direction (No. 2)

Summary

Effective from: 19 May 2020

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The following directive explains that from Monday 23 March 2020, personal visits to Queensland prisons have stopped until the public health emergency for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has ended, or the direction has been cancelled or replaced.

Read the announcement and updates from [Queensland Corrective Services](#).

Direction from Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from the declared public health emergency

Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)

Section 362B

On 29 January 2020, under the *Public Health Act 2005*, the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services made an order declaring a public health emergency in relation to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The public health emergency area specified in the order is for 'all of Queensland'. Its duration has been extended by regulation to 17 August 2020 and may be further extended.

Further to this declaration, I, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, reasonably believe it is necessary to give the following direction pursuant to the powers under s 362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 within the community.

Preamble

1. This Public Health Direction replaces the Corrective Services Facilities Direction given on 22 March 2020.

Revocation

2. The Public Health Direction for Corrective Services Facilities given on 22 March 2020 pursuant to section 362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* is revoked.

Citation

3. This Public Health Direction may be referred to as the Corrective Services Facilities Direction (No. 2).

PART 1 — DIRECTION – PROHIBITION ON PERSONAL VISITORS TO PRISONS

1. This direction applies from the time of publication until the end of the declared public health emergency, unless it is revoked or replaced.
2. The purpose of this Part is to prohibit personal visitors to corrective service facilities that operate under the *Corrective Services Act 2006*.
3. The chief executive of the Department in which the *Corrective Services Act 2006* is administered must not allow a personal visitor to enter a corrective services facility.
4. A corrective services officer must not allow a personal visitor to enter a corrective services facility.
5. A personal visitor must not enter or attempt to enter a corrective services facility.

Definitions

For the purposes of this Public Health Direction:

6. Corrective services facility has the same meaning as set out in Schedule 4 of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*.
7. Personal visitor has the same meaning as set out in Schedule 4 of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*.

PART 2 - PENALTIES

A person to whom the direction applies commits an offence if the person fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the direction.

Section 362D of the *Public Health Act 2005* provides:

Failure to comply with public health directions

- A person to whom a public health direction applies must comply with the direction unless the person has a reasonable excuse.
- Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

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