



Anastacia Palaszczuk

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Restrictions eased

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk has announced the further easing of restrictions throughout Queensland.

From 4pm today, Friday October 16:

- Outings from Aged Care facilities can resume
- Gatherings of 40 people will be allowed in homes and public places
- Up to 40 people will be allowed to dance at weddings with a COVID-safe plan and
- Dancing will be allowed at Year 12 school formals

The Premier said Queensland's strong health response had made a strong economic response possible and Queenslanders had earned the further easing of restrictions.

"At every step of our fight against the spread of COVID we have gone forwards, not backwards," the Premier said.

"Together we have successfully suppressed our most recent outbreak with barely a handful of COVID cases across the state.

"People have turned out in their thousands to be tested.

"People deserve to have restrictions lifted as soon as it's safe to do so."

Deputy Premier Steven Miles said the year had been especially tough on Year

12s.

“So many have missed out on their school formals,” the Deputy Premier said.

“I wish this decision could have been made sooner but we had that outbreak surrounding the youth detention centre and it simply wasn’t safe.

“Now that the spread is sufficiently contained, the Chief Health Officer has given the all-clear and we are acting straight away.”

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