




Speech By
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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (9.50 am): As the Premier has indicated this morning, Queensland has recorded one new case of COVID-19 in the last 24 hours, acquired overseas and detected in hotel quarantine. That now brings our active cases in Queensland to eight. New South Wales Health has also reported a new case: a person who works at a Sydney quarantine hotel complex for returned travellers. This is their first community case in 26 days.

This morning I have spoken to the New South Wales health minister and the Acting Chief Health Officer has spoken to her counterpart in New South Wales. The government is keeping a close eye on what is happening in Sydney and our health experts are in regular contact with their New South Wales counterparts. We are aware that five immediate family members of the person who has tested positive have all tested negative and are now in quarantine, which is a good positive sign going forward.

I advise at this point that there are no proposed changes to any of the restrictions in Queensland. We ask Queenslanders to continue their good practices of hygiene and social distancing, making sure that if they are unwell they are staying home and making sure that they are getting tested if they have any symptoms that are identified as COVID-19 symptoms. We ask all venue operators to continue to make sure that people are checking in when they go to their different venues. We know that is the quickest way to contact trace to ensure that we can control any virus in the community.

With so many people coming to visit us from interstate—which we welcome, especially as we head into the school holidays and knowing how much this is going to support local businesses and tourism in Queensland—we remind venues and we remind patrons that there is an obligation on all of us to make sure we are checking in, we are following the rules—please, no handshaking—and making sure that you are staying home if you are unwell and getting tested. We want to see those test numbers staying high so that we can continue to grow our economy and keep Queensland open as we have been doing.