

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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Aurizon COVID Update

Dear members,

You would be aware that Premier Palaszczuk has made the decision to implement a 3-day Greater Brisbane lockdown commencing 1700 this afternoon. This lockdown excludes essential workers (public transport operators). Restrictions have also been expanded across all parts of the state.

Aurizon have today committed to providing facemasks and hand sanitiser for all crews. Protocols for sanitising loco cabs and vehicles will recommence to previous COVID 19 levels. We are asking members at originating depots to ensure cabs and vehicles have sufficient cleaning materials before leaving the depot.

For the 3-day period, it is recommended all Traincrew wear a facemask whilst on duty excluding when eating/drinking or participating in essential communications.

Aurizon have informed your state office that lay-over accommodation facilities will be subject to additional cleaning requirements.

Traincrew that have travelled to greater Brisbane or within any hotspot after the 20th March 2021 are required to notify the company, complete a COVID test and isolate, unless a qualified health practitioner advises otherwise.

Traincrew that experience any symptoms, or are in the designated "at risk" categories are strongly encouraged to notify your local supervisor and get tested ASAP.

Your state office and Divisional Councillors will be in regular contact with management and government officials over this period to ensure all required measures are implemented and maintained to keep our members safe.

If this situation deteriorates or where additional information comes to hand, I commit to keeping you all updated.

If you would like more information, please contact your local AFULE representative or your state office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au

In Solidarity,

Mick McKittrick,
State Secretary