



Information regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) and your hearing

Over the coming weeks and months, Coronavirus (COVID-19) may impact on how the Tribunal manages hearings. As the situation is constantly changing the Tribunal will continue to communicate updates as efficiently as possible, for the most up to date information please visit our website at www.mhrt.qld.gov.au.

Please note that the information below relates to your tribunal hearing only, therefore please continue to liaise with your treating team as usual.

The Tribunal will continue to schedule reviews for as long as its staff and members can continue to do so, however despite our best intentions, your reviews may be impacted. Such impacts may be:

- Tribunal members will join the hearing via videoconferencing from a number of different locations.
- your treating team may join the videoconference from a hospital or community venue OR they may join by videoconference or telephone from somewhere else (e.g. their office or home).
- the way you attend your hearing may change. You may attend with your case manager or other treating team member as you ordinarily would at a hospital or community venue OR you may like to join via phone from your home.
- you aren't able to attend your hearing; or
- your hearing may need to be cancelled.

Please be aware that cancellation of hearings by the Tribunal will be a last resort. We will notify you of any changes to your hearing, or if your hearing is cancelled we will give you information about your next hearing.

If you are not able to attend your hearing, you may prefer to send a self-report to the Tribunal. This can be a written letter or email. You may want to use the self report template. The self report template has been enclosed with your hearing notice however can also be downloaded from the Tribunal website: <https://www.mhrt.qld.gov.au/resources/public-forms>.

If you do not want to attend your hearing but are happy for the hearing to go ahead, please let your treating team know. If you are happy for the hearing to go ahead, a decision may be made in your absence.

If you have any questions about your hearing or the Tribunal's preparations in response to COVID-19, please feel free to contact our office on (07) 3338 8300 or enquiry@mhrt.qld.gov.au.

We thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

