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### **AMA QUEENSLAND SUPPORTS SOUTHEAST QLD LOCKDOWN**

AMA Queensland has backed the Queensland Government's three-day lockdown to prevent a much wider outbreak of the Delta strain of COVID-19 in southeast Queensland.

AMA Queensland President, Professor Chris Perry, said a short, sharp lockdown was the only way to contain the virus until vaccination levels increased.

Prof Perry said not only did the lockdown prevent further spread of the virus but it also gave contact tracers time to fully understand how it had spread.

"As we've seen in other states if you don't take immediate action, things can quickly get out of control, particularly as the number of Australians who are fully vaccinated is still so low," he said.

"I urge everyone to follow the rules and stay at home. If you need to leave home for one of the essential reasons, make sure you wear a mask and practice social distancing.

"I know lockdowns are frustrating but until more people are vaccinated it is the most effective way to stop the virus spreading out of control and claiming more lives."

Prof Perry said vaccinations needed to continue as quickly as possible and the source of this latest outbreak must be found.

"I'm pleased that vaccine hesitancy seems to be behind us but we are a long way from 70 per cent of the population being immunised so we have to be able to manage COVID in our community now and in the future," he said.

"If hotel quarantine has failed once again then we need to see immediate action and investment in purpose-built quarantine facilities.

"We must be able to safely manage overseas travellers and returning Australians and avoid the dire economic and social impacts of lock downs.

"We really need action on a dedicated quarantine facility which is fit for purpose. I would encourage all quarantine hotels to be extra cautious and avoid us all having to go into a longer lockdown."

Professor Perry urged anyone with symptoms, no matter how mild to be tested.

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