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around 2:30pm today. Basically the same time or a whisker before the Commonwealth CMO fronted the microphone. After VIC and SA (and earlier, QLD and WA) made their announcements. He misleads at best, conflating Northern Beaches restrictions with the rest of Sydney. Also tROoPs.

> Morrison\u2019s on Instagram today, talking drivel... pic.twitter.com/IPLucNKxmD
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wow now Palasczuzk is up. Btw Morrison took a few seconds of his 3-minute piece to camera, posted to the gram, to say that “everybody is doing their job” lol a deadset giveaway.

the QLD Premier is also putting restrictions in place on greater Sydney. Now is not the time to visit the Sunshine State thanks Sydneysiders, she says. Not dissimilar to VIC, she says.

Dr Young (Queensland CHO) says greater Sydney is a declared hot spot, which includes the extended south coast to central coast areas, from 1am tomorrow. Queenslanders returning home will have to quarantine.

Qld CHO says tougher border restrictions necessary because so many other restrictions around Qld have been lifted. Few exemptions will be granted, she predicts. Anyone who has come to Qld from greater Sydney asked to test and notify Qld health authorities.

Dr Young moves on health advice (as opposed to enforceable restrictions). She goes through the masks and social distancing advice.

number of close contacts in Queensland (from Sydney outbreak sites) has increased from 11 to 15. Warning that new strains may be emerging. Hygiene and checking in measures reiterated.

Queensland (cops? rangers?) will be doing a pre-Christmas blitz of businesses to check all health regs are in place re distancing markings, hand sanitiser etc. No more pen and paper: e-registration to be in place at all venues within next 72 hours.

Qld compliance measures ~ con ~ advice to businesses on wiping surfaces etc. People quarantining at home subject to random checks. No visitors allowed.

Qld deputy premier Dr Stephen Miles is up. He refers to the new arrangements (restrictions on people from NSW, hot spot declaration of greater Sydney) as a hard border closure. He stresses the preventative aspect of the measures.

chief Qld cop up to describe the Q pass (quarantine declaration) system and border check points being set up. He mentions Sydney flight crew member who broke quarantine rules.

questions. Palasczuzk is less emphatic on the “hard border” language. She says random checks and border check points are being set up with a view to moving to a hard border closure depending on numbers in NSW and how the Vic hard border with NSW goes.

Qld CHO reiterates that anyone from the Sydney northern beaches who is in qld has to quarantine now. As of 1am, anyone coming in from greater Sydney (nb includes Illawarra and central coast) has to quarantine.

Palasczuzk says if there are as many cases coming out of NSW in the next few days as the last few days, she thinks national cabinet should convene. Telling the prime minister to break from his bone idle lazy habits and turn up to work, in other words.