



# COVID-19

## GUIDANCE NOTE

7 May 2021

### Tightening of Covid-19 Restrictions

Following recent outbreaks within the Sydney area, restrictions have been temporarily tightened for those in the Greater Sydney area. This includes Wollongong, Central Coast and the Blue Mountains.

Restrictions begin from 5:00pm today, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and will remain until 12:01am Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021:

- Visitors to households will be limited to 20 guests – including children.
- Masks will be compulsory in places of public worship, (unless you are leading or speaking).
- There can be no congregational singing in any place of worship. A sole lead singer is allowed. There is a request to extend this number to 5. If the NSW Health website is not updated by 8pm tonight, this was rejected.
- No eating or drinking while standing up at indoor venues, including places of worship. Should any morning tea or shared meal wish to proceed, it will need to operate under the same requirements as a restaurant, with people seated and carefully served. No mingling or moving around unnecessarily.
- Dancing will not be allowed; however, dancing is allowed at weddings with a strong recommendation that no more than 20 people should be on the dancefloor at any one time; and
- Visitors to aged care facilities will be limited to two people.

#### What this means for gathered worship

- The key restriction is that there is *no* singing allowed by the congregation for what we hope is one weekend only. You may have 1 singer singing from a specified location, providing they are more than 5 metres from the congregation.
- Wearing a mask is mandatory for what we hope will be this weekend only.
- There is no change to the use of musical instruments at this stage.
- It is also our recommendation that for the duration of these restrictions, morning teas and shared meals be put on hold.
- At this stage, there have been no further restrictions to the number allowed to attend a place of worship and no change to the social distancing requirements.

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We continue to pray for those who are living with the pain and suffering caused by Covid, particularly in India. We also pray for all who have family and friends in India.

For further details please email [covid19@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:covid19@nswact.uca.org.au) or [kingsleym@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:kingsleym@nswact.uca.org.au)

This information has been sourced from <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/greater-sydney>

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