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23 June 2021

Tightening of Covid-19 Restrictions

The NSW Government has increased the restrictions following further outbreaks of Covid-19 cases. The media release is attached for full details, however, the key changes for **your action** are as follows:

- Restrictions listed apply to **Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains, Wollongong, Shellharbour and Central Coast**.
- Restrictions commence at 4pm today, 23 June 2021 and are set to conclude 12:01am 1 July 2021, although there is always the possibility of extension.
- **Masks** are mandatory and must be worn in all indoor areas including workplaces, organised outdoor events and public services of worship.
- **Maximum numbers** have been reduced to **1 person per 4 square meters** for both indoor and outdoor events.
- No **singing** is allowed by congregants. A small group of up to 5 may sing up front without masks providing they are 1.5 meters apart, facing the same way and 5 meters from the audience.
- These restrictions apply to **weddings and funerals** as well. Dancing is allowed at weddings but is limited to 20 people from the wedding party only.
- **Visitors to homes** are limited to maximum of 5 guests (including children).

Please also note that travel restrictions apply if you live or work in the LGA's of City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside, and Woollahra. Non-essential travel outside metropolitan Sydney is not allowed.

Based on these new restrictions, consider ceasing or limiting any third-party hirers on your premises during the restriction period.

Safety plans can be updated to reflect the new restrictions, however, Service NSW have advised that attaching a copy of the media release to your existing plan is sufficient.

In the media release, the Government has indicated that **increased supervision and compliance checks** will be undertaken to ensure everyone is doing the right thing.

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As these restrictions are mainly as a result of transmissions of the highly contagious Delta variant, Synod strongly urges everyone to be extremely vigilant with their practices to protect those around them. As the restrictions are only for one week (at this stage), consider the need to meet at all to minimise any risk.

As Always...

- **Maintain 1.5 metre physical distancing (except for members of the same household)**
- **Practice healthy hand hygiene**
- **Practice healthy respiratory hygiene**
- **Stay home if unwell**
- **Get tested if you have even mild Covid-19 symptoms**
- **Maintain attendance records**

The new restrictions are yet to be legislated so the Government has not updated their website. Once legislated, please check the following website for full details.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/what-you-can-do-nsw>

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