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GUIDANCE NOTE

28 June 2021

Covid-19 Restrictions: Greater Sydney Area and Regional and Rural NSW

The NSW Government has again announced further restrictions across NSW. Please note that this Guidance Note has two parts:

- **Greater Sydney Area** which includes Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour
- **Regional and Rural NSW**

Please note: a separate Guidance Note will be issued for the ACT.

Greater Sydney Area

The original stay at home order for some inner and eastern suburbs has now been extended to all of the Greater Sydney Area. This came into effect at 6:00pm Saturday 26 June 2021 and is currently set to expire 11:59pm Friday 9 July 2021. Further advice will be issued at that time.

Places of Worship must not be open to the public. All worship must use Zoom or be live-streamed. A small group (up to 5) is allowed to attend solely for the purposes of livestreaming the service only. Travel for this purpose should only be within your local community and should not happen if you are coming from a known hotspot. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Masks must be worn in all indoor areas outside your home by those over 12 years old (only leave home with a reasonable excuse).

Weddings are not allowed to be held from Monday 28th June 2021.

Funerals can continue to be held subject to 1 person per 4 square metre rule and maximum number of 100. Masks are to be worn except for person leading the service. Attending a funeral within these guidelines is classed as an acceptable reason to leave home.

All **third-party hirers** and **face to face meetings** should be cancelled

Outdoor gatherings are permitted up to 10.

Exemptions to remain open include:

- Places providing a service to vulnerable people (such as a food bank or homeless shelter)
- Early education and care facilities
- Funerals for up to 100 guests

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These are subject to face mask rules and 1 person per 4 square metre rule.

Safety plans will not require updating if you are not meeting but may need to be updated for any of the exemptions listed above.

For **full details** on the restrictions that apply to Greater Sydney including a list reasonable excuses to leave home, please refer to the Government website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/greater-sydney>

Regional and Rural NSW

Places of Worship can remain open subject to:

- The greater of 1 person per 4 square metre rule or 25 people
- Masks must be worn
- No singing by audience or congregants
- A small group of up to 5 may sing up front with all performers facing the same way, 1.5m apart and at least 5m from the audience

Consider online worship options if you have any concerns for the health and wellbeing of your congregants.

Household visitors are limited to 5 at any one time, including children.

Funerals are limited by the 1 person per 4 square metre rule up to a maximum of 100. Masks to be worn.

Weddings are limited by the 1 person per 4 square metre rule. Masks to be worn. Dancing is allowed for the bridal party only up to a maximum of 20.

Masks must be worn in all non-residential places including workplaces by those over 12 years old.

Stay at home apply for if you have been in the Greater Sydney Area including Central Coast, Blue Mountains Wollongong and Shellharbour on or since 21 June 2021. You must abide by these rules for 14 days after you left Greater Sydney.

A person must not enter Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour without a reasonable excuse.

Morning teas and service of food is not recommended given the nature of this current outbreak. It is acknowledged that this is not mandatory, but it is a recommendation.

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Safety plans will need to be updated if you continue to meet. It is sufficient to attach a copy of the media release below to your current safety plan.

For full details on the restrictions for Regional and Rural NSW, please go to the Government site:

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

For the latest media release, please go to:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/covid-19-restrictions-extended-nsw>

For all areas

As we seek to safeguard the health and well-being of everyone, we acknowledge the challenge and burden these increased restrictions impose. We thank you for your vigilance in abiding by the Government rules.

If you have any queries, please contact: covid19@nswact.uca.org.au or Kingsley Murphy - kingsleym@nswact.uca.org.au

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