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Easing of restrictions for certain Regional and Rural Areas of NSW

The NSW Government has announced today that some Covid-19 restrictions for certain Regional and Rural Areas of NSW are to be lifted from 12:01am Saturday 11th September 2021.

Areas where stay at home restrictions are lifted

These are not listed in detail by the Government, but they have provided a map outlining these areas. Broadly, they cover the Far North Coast, the Riverina and parts of the New England area. Please refer to the media release for full details of the areas and the new restrictions:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/lockdown-lifted-parts-of-regional-nsw>

This media release includes a list of LGAs where the Stay-at-home orders will remain in place.

For Congregations, the key changes for these areas are:

Weddings, funerals and places of worship:

- Up to 50 guests can attend weddings, with dancing permitted and eating and drinking only while seated.
- Up to 50 guests can attend funerals, with eating and drinking while seated.
- Churches and places of worship to open subject to one person per 4sqm rule, with no singing.

Masks:

- Masks will remain mandatory for all indoor public venues, including public transport, front-of-house hospitality, retail and business premises, on planes and at airports. The Synod understands this includes places of worship.
- Only hospitality staff will be required to wear a mask when outdoors.
- Children aged under 12 will not need to wear a mask indoors.

Gatherings in the home and public spaces:

- Up to five visitors will be allowed in a home (not including children 12 and under).
- Up to 20 people can gather in outdoor settings.

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The NSW Government website has not yet been updated but is likely to be, closer to Friday night. Please follow the links from the following site for when it is updated:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules>

Congregations will need to review their current **Safety Plans** prior to reopening to ensure that they are aligned with current restrictions.

For all other areas, existing restrictions remain.

If you have any enquiries, please direct them to:

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Regards and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bronwyn Murphy'.

Rev. Bronwyn Murphy
Associate Secretary

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