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GUIDANCE NOTE

COVID-19

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COVID Restrictions tighten from 24 July 2020

The NSW Government has announced that COVID-19 restrictions will tighten for “higher risk” activities. From 12:01am Friday, 24 July 2020 the following rules will be in force as NSW enters a state of ‘COVID normal’.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said, “These rules will give businesses and the community a degree of certainty into the foreseeable future, and help NSW avoid uncontrolled virus spread.”

Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant said “This is the time to be vigilant – we need people to come forward and be tested even if they have the mildest of [symptoms](#), we need businesses to follow and enforce their COVID-Safe plans and we need people to follow the rules,” Dr Chant said.

Churches should be on notice as NSW Health officials are carrying out inspections across the state to ensure [COVID-Safe plans](#) are being followed.

Please click on this link to read the full bulletin.

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

The key message for the church is that high risk activities such as weddings and funerals are again limited and that all congregations should register their church as Covid-safe via this link: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/register-your-business-as-covid-safe>

1. Weddings and corporate events will be limited to 150 people subject to the [four square metre rule](#) and registration as a COVID-Safe business. Strict COVID-Safe plans must be in place and high-risk activities including choirs and dancing must not occur.
2. Funerals and places of worship will be limited to 100 people, subject to the [one person per four square metre rule](#) and a COVID-Safe business registration.
3. Gatherings in homes can have up to 20 people, although the Govt recommendation is to limit that number to 10.

ACTION REQUIRED: If you elect to gather in person and have not registered your congregation as Covid-safe, you must complete the registration as soon as possible. This was previously an optional step but has now been confirmed as mandatory. Please click on the above link to register.

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