
CIRCULAR: GEN/148/NAT/148/21
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SUBJECT: NSW COVID-19 Restrictions
ATTENTION: Chief Executive Officer

Today, the NSW Government has announced that from 11.59pm, the four Local Government Areas (**LGAs**) below will commence a seven-day lockdown:

- City of Sydney;
- Waverley;
- Randwick; and
- Woollahra.

The 'stay at home orders' are not yet available however will be in place until *at least* 2 July 2021.

It has been announced that the stay-at-home order will also apply to persons who work in the four LGAs.

The lockdown will mean that there will only be four reasons for a person to leave their home:

- shopping for food or other essential goods and services;
- medical care or compassionate needs including getting vaccinated;
- exercise outdoors (up to groups of 10); and
- essential work or education, where you cannot work or study at home.

No curfew will be imposed.

There will be impacts on businesses / employers, which will be set out in the formal stay at home orders.

Other existing restrictions in NSW

Below is a summary of the range of restrictions that are currently in place within Greater Sydney (including the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour) pursuant to *Public Health (COVID-19 Greater Sydney) Order (No 2) 2021*:

- **Residential premises:** Visitors to residential premises are limited to 5 guests, including children
- **Holiday homes and short-term rentals** are limited to 5 persons unless all of those persons are from the same household.
- **Non-residential premises:** Generally, all indoor and outdoor premises are restricted to one person per 4 square metres. Venues are allowed to have 25 people on the premises, before the 4 square metre rule applies.
- **Entertainment facilities and major recreation facilities (indoor and outdoor):** These venues can have a maximum of the greater of one person per 4 square metres of space or 50% fixed seated capacity (and 1 person per 4 square metres in any unfixed seating area outdoors).
- **Consuming alcohol.** All patrons must be seated while consuming alcohol in indoor areas of hospitality venues and nightclubs.

- **Singing on non-residential premises.** Singing by persons in an indoor area is not permitted. This does not apply to performers who are performing or rehearsing, at education establishments, where someone is teaching singing or to members of a choir in a place of public worship.
- **Dancing.** Dancing is not permitted at indoor hospitality venues or nightclubs. Dancing is permitted by members of a wedding party (with no more than 20 dancers at one time).
- **Gymnasiums and indoor recreation facilities.** The number of persons in a gym class or activity, or in a dance class or activity, must not exceed 20.
- **Face masks.** A person must wear a fitted face covering over both their mouth and nose in any indoor area of non-residential premises, including workplaces, and outdoors while attending a COVID-19 Safe Outdoor Gathering or a controlled outdoor public gathering. Certain exceptions apply.
- **Travel outside Metropolitan Sydney.** People who usually live or work in the City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside, and Woollahra local government areas, are not permitted to travel outside Metropolitan Sydney without a reasonable excuse.

Below is a summary of the restrictions that currently apply in NSW outside Greater Sydney:

- **Residential premises:** There is no limit on visitors to residential premises. However, if there are more than 100 visitors, an adult member of the household must have and comply with the relevant COVID-19 Safety plan and record visitor details electronically.
- **Residential aged care facilities:** Operators of aged care facilities are required to consider the advice of the Chief Health Officer in relation to:
 - management of visitors
 - screening of staff and visitors
 - arrangements for group recreation and other activities for residents
 - wearing of face masks by staff and visitors
 - vaccinations against influenza and COVID-19
- **Non-residential premises:** Most venues must comply with the 1 person per 2 square metre rule. Venues are allowed to have 25 people on the premises, before the 2 square metre rule applies. The occupier of the premises must have and comply with the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- **Entertainment facilities and major recreation facilities (indoor and outdoor):** These venues can have a maximum of the greater of one person per 2 square metres of space or 100% fixed seated capacity (and 1 person per 2 square metres in any unfixed seating area outdoors). The occupier of the premises must have and comply with the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- **Significant events:** There are no caps on weddings or funerals or gatherings after a wedding or a funeral but venues must comply with the 2 square metre rule. The responsible person must have and comply with the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- **Singing and dancing:** There are no restrictions on singing, including at places of worship. There are no restrictions on dancing, including at weddings and in pubs and nightclubs
- **Agricultural shows and agricultural field days:** These events can have 1 person per 2 square metres of space. If there are more than 200 persons, the responsible person for a must have and comply with the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- **Non-controlled outdoor public gatherings (up to 200):** These events are restricted to 200 people (unless the gathering is a COVID-19 safe outdoor gathering with a COVID-19 Safety Plan).
- **COVID-19 safe outdoor gathering (up to 5,000):** These events can have the lesser of 1 person per 2 square metres of space or 5,000 persons and do not need to be seated or

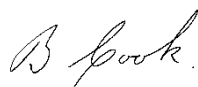
enclosed by fencing and do not have a time limit. The organiser must have and comply with the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plan.

- **Controlled outdoor public gatherings (up to 10,000):** A ticketed and seated COVID-19 safe outdoor gathering can have the maximum of the lesser of 1 person per 2 square metres of space or 10,000 persons. The event must be enclosed by fencing or another barrier. The organiser must have and comply with the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- **Lord Howe Island:** An owner or operator of a short-term rental, or of tourist and visitor accommodation, on Lord Howe Island must have and comply with the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- **Record keeping:** Premises and events must ensure that contact details of persons are collected.

For further information visit:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx>

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