

Office of Local Government



COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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Adult community sport to return on July 1

Adult community sporting competitions, full training and contact activities can restart from Wednesday July 1, the [NSW Government has announced](#).



This is the same date when community sport can recommence for those [18 years and under](#).

Food and drink premises in stadiums can open subject to the same requirements that apply in other food and drink premises and pubs and registered clubs.

Stadium operators will be required to:

- Develop and comply with a COVID-19 safety management plan
- Operate with restricted numbers, one person per four square metres and up to 50 people in each of the existing seated food and drink areas, whichever is the lesser excluding staff members, on the premises, and

- Keep contact details of persons entering the premises.

More information, including an updated Frequently Asked Questions document, will be provided shortly.



Safety plans available for sport and recreation sector

The NSW Government has developed COVID-19 Safety Plan templates for the sport and recreation sector.

Under Public Health Orders, indoor recreation facility owners and operators must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan detailing how their business will keep participants, visitors, volunteers and workers safe.

The following COVID-19 Safety Plans have been developed for indoor recreation facilities that can reopen from June 13:

- Gyms, health, and dance studios
- Indoor recreation facilities
- Community centres and halls
- Swimming pools, saunas and spas.

A COVID-19 Safety Plan has also been developed for community sport competition, training and contact activities, permitted to recommence from July 1.

Many sport and recreation organisations may have already developed plans and protocols for the resumption of activities. Organisations are encouraged to check the relevant COVID-19 Safety Plans to ensure key considerations are addressed in their plans and protocols.

Organisations are also encouraged to ensure both operators and facility hirers are aware of their COVID-19 Safety Plan responsibilities.

[The COVID-19 Safety Plans can be downloaded here.](#)

It is important that organisations have signs and posters around the facility to remind workers, customers, visitors and others of the risks of COVID-19 and the measures necessary to stop its spread.

[Signage and posters are available for download here.](#)



Reopening information for indoor facility owners and operators

Following last week's announcement relating to the reopening of indoor recreation facilities from June 13, NSW Health has clarified that operators will be required to ensure the following

capacities are adhered to within their venues:

- Ensure the number of people in a facility does not exceed one person per 4 square metres, including staff (i.e. the 100-person indoor premises rule will not apply to indoor recreation facilities), and
- Ensure sport and recreation activities (including fitness, health, swimming and dance classes) have no more than 10 participants, plus the instructor and any assistants, per space and comply with one person per 4 square metres.

Under Public Health Orders, indoor recreation facility owners and operators must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan detailing how their business will keep participants, visitors, volunteers and workers safe.

The Office of Sport will continue to provide links to Public Health Orders as they are developed on its [COVID-19 page](#).

Premier Berejiklian and Minister Hancock to take part in council webinar

The Office of Local Government will be hosting a webinar with Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock tomorrow (June 11) from 2-3pm.



The webinar will provide an update to mayors, councillors and general managers on the COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery, followed by a Question and Answer session.

Invitations for registration have been sent by email to mayors and general managers.

For those unable to participate a recording of the webinar will be made available on the Office of Local Government website.



Information and resources

[Guidelines for COVID Safe workplaces](#)

Safety plans for businesses and organisations can be found [here](#).

[Health signage available for download](#)

Promote safety measures and social distancing in your community by accessing downloadable NSW Health signage [here](#).

[Spreading simple health messages for older Australians](#)

Factsheets to ensure older Australians stay healthy, stay safe, and stay connected are available [here](#).

[Job Retention Allowance payment applications](#)

Councils can now apply for the Job Retention Allowance payment of \$1,500 per fortnight, per eligible employee. Find out how in this [circular](#).

[OLG FAQs provide detailed guidance to councils](#)

Councils can access detailed FAQs on:

- [Local government legislative amendments](#)
- [Local government economic stimulus package](#)
- [The latest Public Health Order](#).

[Quicklinks](#)

Councils can access the latest information and resources about COVID-19 on the [NSW Government](#), [NSW Health](#), [Commonwealth Government](#), [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), and [NSW Office of Local Government](#) websites.

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