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COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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Premier Berejiklian and Minister Hancock take part in council webinar

Mayors and general managers from across the State participated in a webinar with Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock this afternoon.



The webinar was part of a series of council webinars co-ordinated by Minister Hancock with relevant Ministers and public officials across Government to keep mayors and general managers up to date on the latest COVID-19 information and advice, and answer their questions.

A range of issues was discussed during the webinar including:

- COVID-19 funding support for councils
- Public Health Orders
- local government representation on National Cabinet
- postponement of council elections
- bushfire-related support
- joint organisation funding and,
- election costs.

Further council webinars with Ministers will be announced shortly.

A recording of today's webinar will also be available on the [OLG website](#) shortly.

More restrictions to ease this Saturday

NSW will ease further restrictions from this Saturday 13 June, with food courts allowed to reopen, the number of people allowed to visit homes increased from 5 to 20, and the number of people allowed to gather outdoors increased from 10 to 20.



Food courts must have a COVID safe plan in place when they reopen on Saturday, which includes:

- Abiding by the 4 square metre rule
- A maximum of 50 people per separate seated eating area, and
- Enhanced hygiene and cleaning processes.

[More information can be found here.](#)

An updated Frequently Asked Questions document pertaining to the current measures will be available shortly.



Information and resources

Guidelines for COVID Safe workplaces
Safety plans for a range of businesses and organisations can be found [here](#), and those in the sport and recreation sector [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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