

Office of Local Government



COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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New Public Health Order FAQs

The NSW Government has released a new [Public Health Order](#) as some significant COVID-19 restrictions are eased from today.



An updated Frequently Asked Questions document pertaining to the new Public Health Order prepared by OLG can be viewed [here](#).

The new Public Health Order allows a range of businesses and organisations to reopen or increase operations including caravan parks and camping grounds, libraries, restaurants, cafes, and pubs.

COVID-19 workplace safety plans relating to eligible businesses and organisations can be found [here](#).

Any immediate questions can be raised via the [daily online survey](#) or by contacting your OLG Council Engagement Manager.

Further information is also available [here](#).



COVID-19 SafeWork guidelines available in community languages

SafeWork NSW has updated information on COVID-19 in different community languages on its website to help employers and workers stay safe.

Under the Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws, all employers or Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBUs) are required to manage the risk of COVID-19 to workers and others in the work environment.

They have the responsibility to provide a healthy environment for their workers to ensure they stay both physically and mentally healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To assist PCBUs and employers comply with their obligations under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, please follow the guidelines and resources below:

- [COVID-19 and mental health at work](#)
- [Guide to help you stay safe at work during the pandemic](#)

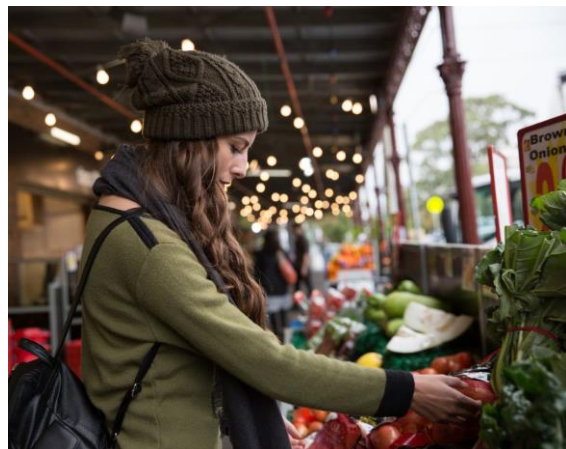
Councils are encouraged to share this email widely with your networks especially with workplaces from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

For more information about simple ways to stay healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace click [here](#).

COVID-19 restrictions and food markets

A number of councils and members of the public are unclear as to the current restrictions in relation to markets.

Restrictions do not apply to markets selling food. Therefore, food markets can continue to operate. However social distancing requirements still apply.



It is paramount that local communities can continue to access food supply from various venues and sources during the COVID-19 crisis.

More information can be found in the new Public Health Order [here](#).



Streets as Shared Spaces webinar

Council staff are invited to the third Streets as Shared Spaces webinar on Thursday (June 4) 2.30-3.30pm.

The webinar series is designed to share insights and best practice from the frontline and support

councils applying for the Streets as Shared Spaces grant program.

The webinar will provide insights and examples of how businesses can partner with local and State Government on the Streets as Shared Space program.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.



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](#).

[Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program](#)

Councils can access information about the Commonwealth Government's new \$500 million Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program [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](#)

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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