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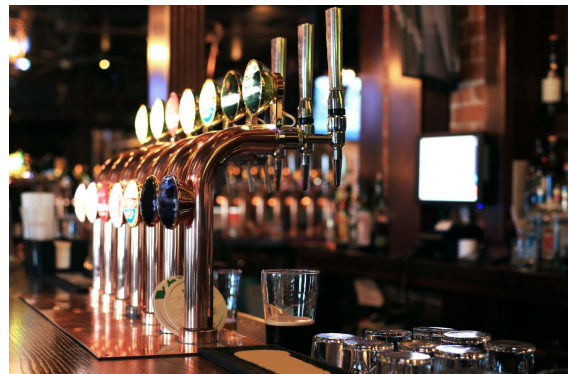
COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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Tough new compliance measures for pubs

New rules will be introduced to pubs across NSW that will limit group bookings to a maximum of 10 people and cap the number of customers inside a venue to 300 people following a concerning rise in COVID-19 cases.



The new measures, agreed to by the NSW Australian Hotels Association, will come into force at 12:01am on Friday (July 17).

Pubs across NSW will be required to implement the following:

- The number of people per booking or table will be reduced from 20 people to 10
- A cap of 300 people in a venue at any one time
- Compulsory COVID-Safe registration through Service NSW
- A dedicated COVID Safe Hygiene Marshall in distinctive clothing must oversee social distancing, cleaning and hygiene at the venue
- Large hotels with a capacity of greater than 250 people are to have a COVID Safe Hygiene Marshall on duty whenever the hotel is open
- Smaller hotels with a capacity of less than 250 are to have a COVID Safe Hygiene Marshall employed in peak periods (lunch 12pm to 3pm and dinner 5pm to 9pm)

- Paper sign-in will still be permitted, but hotels must create a digital record of patron names and phone numbers (excel or word) to be submitted within 24 hours
- Ensure all patrons provide their name and contact details accurately, and
- Encouraged to strongly promote QR code sign-in.

These new rules will be enforced with random and covert inspections and venues will face heavy penalties for breaches.

Any business found in breach of the Public Health Orders faces a penalty of up to \$55,000 and a further \$27,500 penalty may apply for each day an offence continues. On-the-spot fines can also be issued.

For more information on the new measures click [here](#).



New resources to help councils assist businesses operate COVID Safe

Information toolkits and signage are available to councils in relation to the [temporary closure of the NSW-Victorian border](#) and council

assistance in [ensuring local businesses operate COVID Safe](#).

The Local Government Border Closure toolkit includes example messages, newsletters, web copy, and social media posts.

The Local Government COVID Safe Toolkit contains example messages, newsletters, webcopy, and social media posts, and a fact sheet and poster.

It also includes information on recent initiatives to support local businesses, such as registering as a COVID Safe premises.

The resources can be found [here](#).

To further enforce compliance the Chief Health Officer has delegated her powers under the Public Health Order to authorised health officers and medical practitioners to request certain occupiers (food and drink premises, micro-breweries, small distilleries, cellar door premises, casino, pubs, small bars, registered clubs) provide the contact records they are required to collect under the Order.



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](#).

Holiday destination assets for download

A range of information and social media assets for NSW holiday destinations are available for download here.

Job Retention Allowance payment applications

Councils can still apply for the Job Retention Allowance payment of \$1,500 per fortnight, per eligible employee. Find out how in this circular.

Detailed OLG guidance to councils

Councils can access detailed guidance 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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