

# Office of Local Government



## COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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### Victoria-NSW border restrictions tightened

The NSW Government has established a strict new border zone, tightened permit conditions and strengthened enforcement powers to further restrict entry to NSW for Victorians after a record number of COVID-19 cases in the southern state.

From **midnight Tuesday July 21** a border zone, clearly defined along the Murray River, will restrict entry to NSW for Victorians to extremely limited purposes.

Under the new measures NSW border residents will be restricted in their reasons for travelling into the Victorian side of the border zone. If they travel beyond the border zone into Victoria, they will be required to self-isolate upon return for 14 days.



Any other NSW resident who crosses the Murray River, or otherwise enters Victoria or has been there in the last 14 days, will be required to self-isolate for 14 days on their return to NSW.

All NSW residents are strongly urged not to travel to Victoria.

Authorities will have greater enforcement powers to stop people entering NSW and to direct people who are not NSW residents to leave if they present an unacceptable health risk.

All currently issued border permits and any issued between now and the commencement of the border zone will expire at midnight on Tuesday and people will have to reapply for a new permit if they remain eligible.

The conditions imposed on border permits are also being tightened. For the full list of revised conditions please click [here](#).

Border residents can check the [Service NSW site](#) to determine if their address falls within the newly established border restrictions zone.

Border restrictions FAQs are currently being updated and will be available shortly.

You can find out more on the current measures by clicking [here](#).



## New requirements to ensure COVID Safe community sport

NSW Health is updating the COVID-19 Safety Plan for community sport organisations in response to rising case numbers in

NSW and the ongoing risk of transmission in the community.

In addition to the [current COVID-19 Safety Plan requirements](#) for community sports, the following steps should now be incorporated:

- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have visited Victoria in the 14 days prior
- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have attended any of the [reported case locations](#) listed on the NSW Health website
- Take all reasonable steps to minimise the number of spectators attending community sport events, and

- If sufficient numbers to field teams cannot be achieved, prioritise delaying the event rather than substituting with people from other teams or from the community.

More information on the revised requirements for community sport will be available shortly.

## New limits for returning overseas travellers

Overseas arrivals in Sydney have been capped at 350 passengers per day from **12:01am today (July 20)** after a new agreement was reached with the Commonwealth Government.



The 350 passenger per day cap is 100 passengers less than the previous cap, which was introduced on July 5.

As of July 18, returning travellers are now charged for hotel quarantine, unless the flight was purchased before **11:59pm Sunday July 12 AEST**.

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



## COVID-19 restrictions to be tightened across NSW

From midnight this Friday (July 24) the NSW Government will tighten COVID-19 restrictions around “higher risk” indoor activities as the pandemic enters a new phase of community transmission.

Compliance measures [previously in place for pubs](#) will be extended to restaurants, bars, cafés, and clubs.

The rules on gatherings remain the same, with up to 20 guests inside the home and 20 people for gatherings in a public place. However, as the home is a high transmission area, the NSW Chief Health Officer **strongly recommends** a COVID Safe precautionary approach of limiting visitors to the home to 10 people as a general principle.

Please click [here](#) for the full list of compliance regulations.



## Information and resources

### [Latest NSW COVID-19 case locations](#)

The latest information on case locations, what to do if you have visited, and where to find a testing clinic can be found [here](#).

### [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](#).

### [Local Government Toolkits](#)

The Department of Customer Service has prepared toolkits for councils regarding the [Victoria-NSW border closure](#) and [COVID Safe recovery](#).

### [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](#)
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