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COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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New Public Health Order

A new Public Health Order has been released in relation to the temporary closure of the NSW-Victoria border.

The order can be viewed [here](#).

An updated guidance document for councils prepared by the Department of Customer Service, Service NSW and the NSW Cross Border Commissioner will be available shortly.

Victorian residents are now only able to enter NSW for very limited reasons, such as obtaining medical care or fulfilling a legal obligation.

Anyone wishing to travel from Victoria to NSW will need to apply for a COVID-19 NSW border declaration permit through this [Service NSW page](#).

Special conditions are in place for freight operations and other critical services.



Provisions are also in place for residents of declared border regions, such as Albury-Wodonga.

All questions regarding the permits should be directed to Service NSW.

Heavy penalties and fines apply.



OLG webinar with NSW Cross-Border Commissioner James McTavish online

The webinar with the NSW Cross-Border Commissioner James McTavish that took place yesterday (7 July) is now online and can be viewed [here](#).

Commissioner McTavish updated councils on the temporary closure of the border with Victoria. The update was followed by a Question and Answer session, including how the closure will affect cross-border workers, shopping for essential items over the border, and required isolation periods.

The webinars are part of a series coordinated by Minister for Local Government Shelley 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 answer their questions.

Further council webinars will be announced shortly.



Information and resources

[Guidelines for COVIDSafe 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](#)
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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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