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COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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Restrictions for outdoor dining and outdoor music performances eased

Restrictions at hospitality venues will be eased from this Friday to allow one patron for every two square metres in outdoor areas (previously this was one person per four square metres).

Businesses wishing to take advantage of the relaxed restrictions must use electronic methods, such as QR codes, to record and keep contact details.

The Minister has signed an exemption to the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 5) 2020 to allow an outdoor gathering of up to 500 people for the purpose of musical rehearsals and performances, subject to the following conditions:

- There must be a nominated organisation for each musical rehearsal or performance



- The nominated organiser must develop and comply with a COVID-19 safety plan that addresses the matters in the COVID-19 checklist, *Outdoor musical rehearsals and performances*
- Each person participating must provide their name and contact details to the nominated organiser and take reasonably practical steps to comply with the COVID-19 safety plan.

You can find more information on the COVID-19 safety plan for outdoor music performances [here](#).



Southern Border Small Business Support Grant deadline extended

The Southern Border Small Business Support Grant program has been extended for eligible small businesses operating in the 13 impacted Local Government Areas.

The program is designed to help cushion the effects of the border restrictions on eligible NSW small businesses. More than 1,000 businesses have successfully applied for the grants.

The extension will also allow businesses to apply who are located within the LGAs but have an ABN registered at another address.

The Southern Border Small Business Support Grant program opened on September 8, with applications now able to be submitted until October 31. The expanded criteria will take effect from today.

The grant can only be used for eligible expenses incurred following the closure of the NSW-Victoria border on July 8 for which no other government support is available.

For more information please [click here](#).



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](#).

[Keep Our Mob Safe campaign](#)

NSW Health in partnership with the Department of Customer Service has developed the Keep Our Mob Safe campaign to prepare and empower Aboriginal people to keep themselves and their communities safe and healthy amid COVID-19. The resources include flyers, posters, and social media tiles and are available for download [here](#).

[COVID Safe Halloween advice](#)

NSW Health supports individuals participating in COVID Safe Halloween celebrations, providing levels of community transmission remain low and participants follow current rules when gathering together. For information on how to celebrate Halloween safely please [click 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](#).

[Together against COVID-19](#)

A pack outlining strategy, plans, and controls for communication to build social cohesion as the COVID-19 crisis evolves can be found [here](#).

[Stakeholder toolkit in community languages](#)

Downloadable translated resources and direct links to information on how to stay COVID Safe in the community and specific resources for businesses can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

[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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