

Office of Local Government



COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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New measures for Greater Sydney

Given the current risk of COVID-19 transmission, a range of new restrictions for Greater Sydney (including Wollongong, Central Coast and Blue Mountains) are effective from midnight January 3:



- Face masks will be mandatory in the following indoor settings: shopping (retail, supermarkets and shopping centres), public/shared transport, indoor entertainment (including cinemas and theatres), places of worship, hair and beauty premises
- Gym classes reduced to 30 people
- Places of worship and religious services limited to 1 person per 4sqm up to a maximum of 100 people per separate area

- Weddings and funerals limited to 1 person per 4sqm up to a maximum of 100 people
- Outdoor performances and protests reduced to 500 people
- Controlled, outdoor gatherings (seated, ticketed, enclosed) reduced to 2,000 people
- Nightclubs not permitted to open.

Face masks will also be mandatory for all staff in hospitality venues and casinos and for patrons using gaming services.

Compliance will start from January 4 with \$200 on the spot fines for individuals for non-compliance. Children under 12 are exempt but are encouraged to wear masks where practicable.

People are still encouraged to limit non-essential gatherings and non-essential travel where possible to further minimise the risk of transmission in the community.

While these measures do not apply to areas outside Greater Sydney, all residents and visitors across the State are strongly encouraged to practise COVID safe behaviours and get tested even if symptoms are mild.

To find out more about what is permissible under the current measures, [click here](#).

Restrictions for Northern Beaches zones

From midnight January 3, the southern zone of the Northern Beaches will be subject to the same restrictions as Greater Sydney.

Restrictions for the northern zone of the Northern Beaches remain the same with stay at home orders and the following restrictions in place until January 9:

- No visitors to the home



- Five northern zone residents can gather outdoors (not at homes) for exercise and recreation, from within the same zone
- Non-essential businesses remain closed.

For more information on the restrictions that apply to the Northern Beaches, [click here](#).



Information and resources

A range of free promotional materials is available on the [NSW Health website](#). Councils are encouraged to use these materials on their own communication channels to promote COVID-Safe messaging in their local communities. The materials include:

- [Fact sheets and brochures](#)
- [Posters and print resources](#)
- [Digital banners and social media tiles](#)
- [Holiday destination resource kit](#)
- [Videos](#).

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