

# Office of Local Government



## COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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### Greater Sydney restrictions to be eased

The NSW Government today announced that restrictions will be eased and the 2sqm rule reintroduced across the Greater Sydney region, following updated health advice from the Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant.



The following measures will be effective from 12.01am this Friday (February 12) for the Greater Sydney region, including Wollongong, Central Coast and Blue Mountains:

- The 1 person per 2sqm rule will apply at all venues, except for gyms. Weddings and funerals will still be subject to a 300-person cap, and
- Masks will only be mandatory on public transport, but still strongly encouraged to be worn in other indoor venues where social distancing is not possible.

For the latest COVID-19 information relevant to NSW including current restrictions, statistics, and testing sites [click here](#).

## Travelling within NSW

A number of council staff have been in contact with the Office of Local Government (OLG) seeking clarification on the current regulations regarding travel for work purposes.



For staff living in NSW, there are currently no restrictions on travelling to and from any area within the State. However, NSW Health recommends practising physical distancing and hand hygiene when you travel within NSW, especially between Greater Sydney and regional and rural areas.

Wearing a face mask is mandatory when travelling on domestic flights and in airports, except when you're eating or drinking.

As stated in the above article, apart from when flying and in airports, from 12:01am this Friday (February 12) masks will be only mandatory on public transport. However, it is strongly recommended to keep 1.5 metres apart and wear a mask at indoor venues where physical distancing is not possible.

For more information about the current regulations on travel within NSW [click here](#).

## Exemption to Gathering and Movement Order for organised groups

An exemption has been granted to the [Public Health Order \(Restrictions on Gathering and Movement\)](#) in relation to school, childcare, aged care, or disability groups providing contact details when entering certain premises.



The exemption means the Occupier of a Specified Premises (which for the purposes of the exemption are public swimming pools, information and education facilities, or entertainment facilities as defined in the Order) does not

need to gather the contact information of each of those in school, childcare, aged, or disability groups upon their entry.

Instead, the exemption states:

1. The Organiser of a group visiting a Specified Premises must collect the name and phone number of each person, and each parent of any child, in the group and keep the details in electronic format.
2. The Occupier of the Premises must retain the details of at least two people who visited as part of the group, who can be contacted at any time, for at least 28 days after the visit.
3. The Occupier of the Premises must provide, on request, the record described in Point 2 to the Chief Health Officer or authorised officer no later than four hours after the request is made.
4. The Occupier must cooperate with NSW Health in relation to contact tracing if Health requests cooperation.

As per the exemption, each person part of the visiting group does not need to provide their name and contact details to the Occupier of the Premises, but must provide these details to the Organiser of the visiting group, as described above in Point 1.

More information on the exemption can be found [here](#).

Councils can also contact their Council Engagement Manager if they have any questions.

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