

<b>Circular Details</b>	21-37 / 22 November 2021 / A798727
<b>Previous Circular</b>	21-20 <i>Postponement of the local government elections to 4 December 2021</i>
<b>Who should read this</b>	Councillors / General Managers / All council staff
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<b>Action required</b>	Information / Council to Implement

## Amendments to the Public Health Order relating to voting at the 2021 local government elections

### What's new or changing

- The *Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021* (the Public Health Order) has been amended by the *Public Health (COVID-19 General) Amendment Order (No 8)* to clarify the operation and application of the Public Health Order to voting and other activities at the local government elections.
- The Public Health order and the amendment to it are available [here](#).

### What this will mean for your council

- Among other things, the amended order provides the following:
  - Masks remain compulsory in an indoor area of premises other than a place of residence, including premises being used as a polling place or voting centre.
  - Unvaccinated persons may attend premises being used as a polling place or voting centre that would normally be closed to unvaccinated persons to vote at, or participate in the conduct of, an election.
  - Unvaccinated persons may participate in an outdoor public gathering of more than 2 persons if they are voting at, or participating in the conduct of, an election.
  - In areas subject to a stay at home order, it is a reasonable excuse to be away from a person's place of residence to attend a polling place or voting centre to vote at, or participate in the conduct of, an election. Currently, no areas are subject to a stay at home order.

### Where to go for further information

- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au) .



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