



22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

We are living in both confusing and concerning times; each day brings about more positive cases, more news of people suffering the ravages of COVID-19 and more information from the many experts and not so experts. I am pleased to report that yesterday afternoon we had a call from the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission; the call was a “desk audit” and required us to answer a series of questions regarding our COVIDSafe Plan; pleasingly we met all the requirements. It is always heartening to have what we are doing validated in this way.

Today’s update is quite long and contains a lot of information, but it is information that we need to be aware of. I have included below the NSW Health Rules; these rules are designed to keep you and our community safe. The rules as they apply today are:

#### **Travelling to or entering NSW from interstate**

- Under the new public health order, anyone who has been in Victoria within the last 14 days must not enter NSW except in special circumstances.
- If they are allowed to enter NSW they may be required to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Learn more about NSW border restrictions.

#### **Pubs – compliance and restrictions**

- From 12.01 am on Friday 17 July, pubs (premises licensed under the Liquor Act 2007) will have to comply with COVID-19 safety measures and restrictions on group bookings and venue capacity.
- Penalties apply for pubs that are found to breach the public health order rules.

### **Venue rules**

- Maximum of 10 people per booking or table.
- Maximum of 300 people in the pub at any one time or one customer per 4 square metres, whichever is the lesser.
- Alcohol can only be consumed by seated customers.

### **COVID-19 Safety Plan registration**

- From Saturday 18 July, all pubs must ensure their COVID Safety Plan is registered with the NSW Government.

### **COVID-19 Safe Hygiene Marshall**

- Pubs must appoint a dedicated Safe Hygiene Marshall to oversee social distancing, cleaning and hygiene at the venue.
- The Safe Hygiene Marshall must be dressed in distinctive clothing.
- Large pubs with a capacity of more than 250 people must have a COVID Safe Hygiene Marshall on duty whenever the pub is open.
- Smaller pubs with a capacity of less than 250 people must have a COVID Safe Hygiene Marshall during peak periods, and at least during lunch from 12pm to 3pm, and dinner from 5pm to 9pm.

### **Customer sign-in**

- All customers must sign-in by providing accurate contact details (name and phone number or email address).
- The Safe Hygiene Marshall should ensure the accuracy and legibility of records.
- Paper sign-in is permitted however pubs must create a digital record of customer contact details within 24 hours and provide it immediately if requested.
- QR code sign-in is strongly encouraged.

### **Physical distancing**

- Move or remove tables and seating to support 1.5 metres of physical distance where possible.
- Reduce crowding and promote physical distancing with markers on the floor where people are asked to queue, such as at the bar.

### **Penalties and fines**

- Any business found in breach of the Public Health Orders could face a penalty of up to \$55,000 and a further \$27,500 penalty may apply for each day an offence continues. On-the-spot fines can also be issued.

### **Visiting family and friends at home**

- Up to 20 visitors may visit another household at any one time. The total number of visitors includes adults and children.
- There is no daily limit to visitors to your home, so long as you don't have more than 20 visitors at any one time.
- If you are over 70 or have a pre-existing medical condition, you should limit the number of visitors and take care at all times.
- You can have guests from any household so long as it does not exceed 20 visitors in total.
- An overnight stay as part of a visit to someone's house is allowed.
- Some people who need to attend your home will not be counted as visitors.

### **People who are at higher risk of COVID-19 infection include**

- People aged 70 years and over
- People aged 65 years and over with chronic medical conditions
- People with a compromised immune system
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples 50 years and older with one or more chronic medical conditions.

If you are in one of these groups, follow the guidance for vulnerable people.

### **Holiday homes and holiday rentals**

- There are no limitations on people who live in NSW travelling within NSW.
- Up to 20 people may stay in a holiday home or holiday rental. More than 20 people can stay in a holiday home or holiday rental if they are all members of the same household.
- If you are visiting a national park camping ground you must book ahead.

Learn more about;

- Driving and boating
- Restrictions on travelling interstate and border restrictions
- Quarantine arrangements for people returning from overseas.

### **Outdoor public gatherings**

- No more than 20 people are allowed to gather outside in a public place.

## **Community sports, fitness classes and major recreation facilities**

Community sporting activities, including training sessions and contact activities, may recommence.

- A maximum of 20 people per class applies to gym and recreation classes such as yoga, tai chi and pilates.
- For community sporting activities that involve more than 20 participants, the organiser must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- Participants include players, people who are training, officials and spectators.
- The maximum number of participants at a community sporting activity must not exceed 500 participants.
- Record keeping for spectators must take place for all ticketed community sporting activities.
- Martial arts training and competition activities that are not sanctioned by the Combat Sports Authority are permitted to take place.
- Major recreation facilities must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan and are permitted to have up to 25% of normal capacity of the venue or 10,000 persons (whichever is lesser) when admission to the premises is by way of a ticket and each person has been assigned to a seating area.

## **Funerals, memorial services and wakes**

- The maximum number of people who may attend a funeral is the maximum number of people allowed on the premises, which is one person per 4 square metres.
- Places of public worship, funeral homes or crematoriums can have up to 50 attendees (without the 4 square metre rule) provided non-household contacts can maintain 1.5 metres of physical distance.
- Funerals at a place of residence can have the greater of 50 people or one person per 4 square metres of space.
- People attending the service will be required to supply their name and contact details so that they can be used for contact tracing.

Read common questions about attending funerals, memorial services and wakes.

## **Religious gatherings and places of worship**

- The number of people in a public place of worship must not exceed one person per 4 square metres. The maximum applies to the whole of the venue, even where men and women worship in separate areas.
- Services can be streamed or recorded to enable people to engage in worship.
- People attending a religious service will be required to provide their name and contact details when they enter so that they can be used for contact tracing.

- The NSW Government expects that places of worship will comply with COVID-19 Safety Plan requirements to keep staff, volunteers and visitors safe.
- Develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan for your church, meeting house, mosque, synagogue, temple or another place of worship to help your community connect safely.

### **Weddings**

- The maximum number of people who may attend a wedding is the maximum number of people allowed on the premises, which is one person per 4 square metres.
- Wedding services are no longer subject to separate limits, with the exception of a wedding at a place of residence, which can have the greater of 20 people or one person per 4 square metres of space.
- People attending will be required to provide their name and contact details so that they can be used for contact tracing.

### **Advice for wedding organisers**

- If you want to have dancing at the wedding, ensure this is restricted to only the wedding couple and wedding party.
- Make sure to choose a venue that has a dancefloor area with enough space.
- Think about strategies to avoid crowding on the dancefloor and other areas such as avoiding or modifying rituals like throwing the bouquet or the Hora.
- Ensure people do not take alcoholic drinks onto the dancefloor.

### **Current restrictions on businesses**

- All businesses can now open and operate under the one person per 4 square metre rule.
- Under the rules, employers must allow employees to work from home where it is reasonably practical to do so.

Thank you and take care

*Jennifer*