

COVID-19 Update – September 10, 2021

To Our Members,

From Monday 13 September, people across NSW who have received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine will be allowed more freedoms.

For those who live outside the LGAs of concern, up to 5 fully vaccinated adults can engage in outdoor recreation (***this does not constitute community sport***) in a person's LGA or within 5km of home. Children under 12 will not be counted in this total.

For those who live in the [LGAs of concern](#), a household with all adults vaccinated will be able to engage in outdoor recreation (including picnics) for up to 2 hours within the existing rules (outside of curfew hours and within 5km of home). This is in addition to the ability to engage in outdoor exercise.

People who live alone can gather with one other adult to participate in outdoor recreation within the same existing rules.

Furthermore, the NSW Government made announcements relating to the stay-at-home orders lifting for some local government areas in regional NSW from 12:01am Saturday 11 September, and the release of the roadmap outlining freedoms after NSW passes the 70 per cent double vaccination target.

We advise our members to adhere to the [Public Health Order](#).

Regional NSW

Parts of regional NSW currently deemed low risk, and which have seen zero COVID cases for at least 14 days will emerge from lockdown at 12:01am Saturday 11 September but will continue to operate under restrictions to ensure the safety of regional communities.

The following freedoms will be available to all people in regional LGAs where stay-at-home orders have lifted:

Gatherings in the home and public spaces:

- Up to five visitors will be allowed in a home (not including children 12 and under).
- Up to 20 people can gather in outdoor settings.

Venues including hospitality, retail stores and gyms:

- Gyms and indoor recreation facilities can open under the one person per 4sqm rule and can offer classes for up to 20 people.
- Sporting facilities including swimming pools can reopen.

Masks:

- Masks will remain mandatory for all indoor public venues, including public transport, front-of-house hospitality, retail and business premises, on planes and at airports.
- Children aged under 12 will not need to wear a mask indoors.

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Stadiums, theatres and major outdoor recreation facilities:

- Major recreation outdoor facilities including stadiums, racecourses, theme parks and zoos can reopen with one person per 4sqm, capped at 5,000 people.
- Up to 500 people can attend ticketed and seated outdoor events.
- Indoor entertainment and information facilities including cinemas, theatres, music halls, museums and galleries can reopen with one person per 4sqm or 75 per cent fixed seated capacity.

Travel:

- Carpooling will be permitted.

Areas remaining in lockdown

Stay-at-home orders will remain in place in the following LGAs:

Bathurst	Eurobodalla	Newcastle
Bega	Forbes	Orange
Blayney	Gilgandra	Parkes
Bogan	Goulburn Mulwarre	Port Stephens
Bourke	Kiama	Queanbeyan-Palerang
Brewarrina	Lake Macquarie	Shellharbour
Broken Hill	Lithgow	Shoalhaven
Cabonne	Maitland	Singleton
Central Coast	Mid-Coast	Snowy Monaro
Central Darling	Mid-Western	Upper Hunter
Cessnock	Muswellbrook	Walgett
Dubbo	Narrabri	Wingecarribee
Dungog	Narromine	

Roadmap to Freedom

Stay-at-home orders for adults who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine will be lifted from the Monday after NSW passes the 70 per cent double vaccination target, under the roadmap to freedom.

The roadmap is subject to further fine-tuning and health advice if circumstances change drastically or if cases within a designated area remain too high.

Only fully vaccinated people and those with medical exemptions will have access to the freedoms allowed under the Reopening NSW roadmap.

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Travel:

- Domestic travel, including trips to regional NSW, will be permitted.
- Carpooling will be permitted.

Non-vaccinated young people aged under 16 will be able to access all outdoor settings but will only be able to visit indoor venues with members of their household.

Masks:

- Masks will remain mandatory for all indoor public venues, including public transport, front-of-house hospitality, retail and business premises, on planes and at airports.
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Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the government will continue to be guided by the health advice and may still require targeted restrictions to deal with outbreaks.

"As we work toward reopening NSW, it is vital people continue to come forward and get vaccinated to help protect the community and reduce transmission of the virus," Mr Hazzard said.

When NSW hits the 80 per cent double dose target, the government intends to open up further freedoms around international travel, community sport, major events and other areas.

[Get your COVID-19 vaccination](#)

[The NSW Government COVID-19 website](#) continues to be updated as restrictions change