

# Office of Local Government



## COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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### Caravan park and camping ground exemptions in amended Public Health Order

A range of Public Health Order amendments relating to public gatherings and movement have been announced, including those relating to caravan parks, camping grounds, and truck stops.



Under the amendments caravan parks and campgrounds are to be closed except to accommodate:

- permanent residents of the caravan park or camping ground
- overnight travellers
- persons working in the local area
- other persons who have no other place of permanent residence or whose primary place of residence is temporarily unavailable and,
- visitors who are visiting those who meet the above criteria

Truck stops are also designated as essential services under the order, meaning that selling food or beverages to truck drivers or their passengers at a truck stop, whether for

consumption on or off the premises, is still permissible.

To read the amended Public Health Order in full, please click [here](#).



## Stay at Home social media tiles

As the Easter break approaches the NSW Government is emphasising to all in the community that everyone should stay at home unless absolutely necessary.

This is especially the case over school holidays, and even day trips to regional locations. The messaging needs to remain the same – where possible Stay Home.

Social media tiles reinforcing this message are now available for councils to share on their social media channels and reach their local community.

The tiles can be downloaded [here](#).



## Shane Fitzsimmons to head new Resilience NSW agency

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian today [announced](#) the creation of a new NSW Government Executive Agency, Resilience NSW.

Headed by RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons, Resilience NSW will serve the NSW community by bringing together for the first-time world-leading preparedness, prevention and recovery efforts across floods, storms, pandemics,

bushfires, cyber, and national arrangements.

Mr Fitzsimmons will step down as RFS Commissioner, in which he served for 12 years, and transition into the new role over the next month as well as take up a role as a Deputy Secretary within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

## Get your flu shot early and take pressure off services

The Australian Medical Association is [encouraging everyone to get their flu shot early this year](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



While the vaccination won't prevent COVID-19 infection, people who get the influenza vaccine now will be better protected from the serious prospect of having both COVID-19 and influenza at the same time.

The vaccination also means you will avoid having to seek care in the middle of one of the most critical health crises in living memory.

The vaccination is free for those deemed to be higher risk, with the full list of those eligible available [here](#).



## Information and resources

### [Older person food delivery fact-sheet](#)

The Commonwealth has announced a range of measures to support older people experiencing difficulty acquiring food and basic household items due to isolation. A fact sheet detailing these measures and more information can be downloaded [here](#).

### [Online survey reminder](#)

OLG is reminding councils to complete an online survey each day to make it easier to report their needs and issues. Council can access the online survey [here](#).

### [Data on COVID-19 cases](#)

Councils can access the latest data on the number of COVID-19 cases by local government area and by local health district on the NSW Health website [here](#).

### [Local government resource pack](#)

NSW Health has developed a COVID-19 [resource pack](#) for local government to provide relevant information and resources to local councils in one handy document.

### [Quicklinks](#)

Councils can access the latest information and resources about COVID-19 on the [NSW Government](#), [NSW Health](#) and [Commonwealth Government](#) and

[Commonwealth Department of Health](#) websites. The [Office of Local Government](#) also has a COVID-19 section on its website.

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