

# Office of Local Government



## **COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE**

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# Check-in app now available for businesses and customers

The Service NSW app now features a COVID Safe Check-in tool to allow customers a safe and contactless way to check in at venues across NSW.

Registered COVID Safe businesses can now be issued a unique QR code which customers can scan using their Service NSW app.



It offers customers a contactless, hygienic method of checking in to businesses so they can be contacted in the event of an outbreak.

Checking-in through the updated Service NSW app automatically captures the date, time and location of the check-in, and securely stores them for 28 days

for the sole purpose of COVID tracing.

An FAQ regarding the check-in process can be found here.

A COVID Safe Check-in information pack for stakeholders can be found here.



# Beach and coastal recreation management amid COVID-19

Councils are reminded they are responsible for implementing and managing COVID Safe plans and adherence to Public Health Orders for beaches and coastal recreational areas.

Local Emergency Management Committees are being encouraged to work with local councils to plan and coordinate responses and resources to meet community expectations and demand.

Councils should continue to work with their police local area command and other relevant organisations, such as Surf Life Saving, to ensure COVID Safe management in areas of high traffic.

Councils are encouraged to plan ahead and implement options to make any enforcement activity easier during the summer months.

Councils can direct any questions they have to their Office of Local Government Council Engagement Manager.



### Information and resources

Guidelines for COVID Safe workplaces
Safety plans for a range of businesses and organisations can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>, and those in the sport and recreation sector here.

Job Retention Allowance payment applications

Councils can still apply for the Job Retention Allowance payment of \$1,500 per fortnight, per eligible employee. Find out how in this <u>circular</u>.

Together against COVID-19

A pack outlining strategy, plans, and controls for communication to build social

cohesion as the COVID-19 crisis evolves can be found here.

#### Stakeholder toolkit in community languages

Downloadable translated resources and direct links to information on how to stay COVID Safe in the community and specific resources for businesses can be found here and here.

### Detailed OLG guidance to councils

Councils can access detailed guidance on:

- Local government legislative amendments
- Local government economic stimulus package

#### Quicklinks

Councils can access the latest information and resources about COVID-19 on the <u>NSW Government</u>, <u>NSW Health</u>, <u>Commonwealth Government</u>, <u>Commonwealth Department of Health</u>, and <u>NSW Office of Local Government</u> websites.

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