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COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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New COVID-19 restrictions for Greater Sydney come into force tonight

To protect the people of NSW from the evolving Northern Beaches COVID-19 outbreak, new restrictions will be introduced for Greater Sydney from tonight.



Following updated health advice about the growing risk to the community, the following restrictions will be introduced at 11.59pm for the greater metropolitan Sydney region:

- Household gatherings will be limited to 10 visitors (until 11:59pm on December 23)
- The one person per four square metre rule will be reintroduced for all indoor settings including hospitality venues and places of worship
- A cap of 300 people will apply for hospitality venues and places of worship
- Singing and chanting at indoor venues will not be allowed, and

- Dancefloors will not be permitted, except for weddings, when a maximum of 20 from the bridal party will be permitted.

People in the Greater Sydney area and the Central Coast, Illawarra-Shoalhaven, and Nepean-Blue Mountains are also asked not to visit aged care facilities until 11.59pm on December 23, unless it is critical.

'Stay at home' orders for residents in the Northern Beaches Local Government Area (LGA) will also continue until 11.59pm on December 23.

These residents must stay home unless it is for an essential reason.

The four reasons Northern Beaches LGA residents may leave their home include:

- Shopping for food or other goods and services
- Medical care or compassionate needs
- Exercise, and
- Work or education, where you cannot work from home.

People should only enter the Northern Beaches LGA for essential purposes.

Residents across Greater Sydney should also limit unnecessary activity in coming days.

These restrictions are designed to reduce the risk of further community transmission.

NSW Health is urging anyone with symptoms to get tested.

People are also urged to ensure physical distancing and good hand hygiene and wear a mask particularly indoors unless at home.

Councils should continue to monitor COVID-19 case locations and alerts [here](#).

Public Health Orders can be found [here](#).

Any council requiring assistance should contact their OLG Council Engagement Manager.



Information and resources

[Guidelines for COVID Safe workplaces](#)
Safety plans for a range of businesses and organisations can be found [here](#), and those in the

sport and recreation sector [here](#).

[COVID-19 resources in community languages](#)

Councils are encouraged to share through their channels a pack containing translated downloadable resources. The pack can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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Councils can access the latest information and resources about COVID-19 on the [NSW Government](#), [NSW Health](#), [Commonwealth Government](#), [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), and [NSW Office of Local Government](#) websites.

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