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## **COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ONCE NSW REACHES 80% DOUBLE VACCINATION**

The NSW Government has now published the [Public Health \(COVID-19 General\) Amendment Order \(No 2\) 2021](#), which outlines restrictions in place from Monday, 18 October 2021 – the first Monday after the state reaches the 80 per cent double vaccination milestone.

Please see the below information relating to the sport and recreation sector.

The following restrictions apply to;

- a) Fully vaccinated people aged 16 years and over;
- b) Children under the age of 16; and
- c) People who have been issued with a medical contraindication certificate compliant with the Order.

Clause 2.13 of the Order, which previously referenced outdoor sport and exercise gatherings, has been removed. **This means community sport and exercise falls under the general restrictions and is now permitted to take place (including both training and competition).**

### **Outdoor events:**

The maximum number of persons in an outdoor area must not exceed more than 1 person per 2 square metres of space.

The maximum number of persons permitted at the following outdoor events are;

- a) for a controlled outdoor public gathering – 3,000 persons
- b) for a COVID-19 safe outdoor public gathering – 200 persons
- c) for any other outdoor public gathering – 50 persons.

These restrictions apply to any community sport (including both training and competition), exercise and recreation activities. They also apply for outdoor events such as team BBQs and end of season presentations.

**To apply to NSW Health for an exemption to host a gathering in excess of the above numbers, please [click here](#).**

### **Recreation facilities (indoor):**

The maximum number of persons in an indoor recreation facility area must not exceed more than 1 person per 4 square metres of space.

There is no limit on gathering sizes within an indoor recreation facility, **except for gym and dance classes which remain capped at 20 persons.**

All occupiers of indoor recreation facilities must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

### **Entertainment facilities and recreation facilities (major):**

There have been no amendments to restrictions for entertainment and major recreation facilities. The below restrictions continue to apply.

The occupier of an entertainment facility must ensure the maximum number of persons on the premises does not exceed the number of persons equal to;

- a) 75% of the fixed seating capacity of the premises\*\*, or
- b) 1 person per 4 square metres of space in the premises.

\*\*The 75% of fixed seating capacity may only be applied by an occupier when;

- a) admission to the premises is by way of a ticket, and
- b) all persons on the premises, other than persons engaged in work, are assigned to specific seats.

The occupier of a recreation facility (major) must ensure the maximum number of persons on the premises does not exceed the **lesser of**;

- a) 1 person per 4 square metres of space in the premises, or
- b) 5,000 persons.

The occupier of both entertainment facilities and major recreation facilities must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

### **Fitted face coverings:**

The following rules and restrictions remain in place regarding the wearing of fitted face coverings (ie. face masks);

- a) A person who is over 12 years of age must wear a fitted face covering over both their nose and mouth while in any indoor area of non-residential premises.

### **Removing fitted face coverings:**

- a) A person may remove a fitted face covering if the person is engaging in strenuous physical activity, **except** in an indoor area as part of a gym class or dance class.
- b) The person must resume wearing the fitted face covering as soon as practical after the strenuous physical activity ends.

### **Unvaccinated adults:**

An unvaccinated adult means a person who is more than 16 years of age and is not fully vaccinated.

The occupier of the following premises must take reasonable steps to ensure that an unvaccinated adult is not on the premises;

- a) Entertainment facilities;
- b) Recreation facilities (major);
- c) Recreation facilities (indoor); and
- d) Public swimming pools.

The occupier of entertainment facilities and recreation facilities (major) must ensure that a person who is under 16 years of age and is not fully vaccinated is not on the premises unless the person is;

- a) On the premises to carry out work; or
- b) Accompanied by a person who is;
  - a. A member of the person's household, and
  - b. A fully vaccinated person.

### **Travel for recreation:**

Travel between Greater Sydney and Regional NSW will not be permitted until 1 November.

Therefore, a person who resides in Greater Sydney must not participate in recreation outside Greater Sydney, and a person who resides outside of Greater Sydney (ie. Regional NSW) must not participate in recreation in Greater Sydney.

Unvaccinated adults must not participate in recreation outside the local government area in which they reside.

*Please note: The restrictions outlined in this notice are relevant to 'the general area', which comprises the whole of the State other than an area that is a 'stay at home area'.*

All organisations are reminded to review the Public Health Order and stay up to date with the latest changes on the NSW Government COVID-19 website.

For any questions specific to your sport, club or associations operations, we encourage you to email the NSW Office of Sport team via [sectorcapability@sport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sectorcapability@sport.nsw.gov.au). This email is dedicated to COVID-19 specific questions relating to community sport and active recreation.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep community sport COVID-19 safe.

**Sport NSW**