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To Association Executives, Life Members
From Darren Simpson, EGM Community & Pathways
CC Tain Drinkwater, Chief Executive Officer
Date Monday, 8 November 2021
Re **Latest Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions**

In response to the increasing rate of vaccination the NSW Government has relaxed more COVID-19 restrictions, effective from today, Monday 8 November.

The [Public Health Order](#) has once again been amended. This amendment has removed the specific reference to community sporting activity in section 2.12. Community sport no longer has different maximum attendance limits to other indoor or outdoor gatherings.

Note that all items below refer only to fully vaccinated people aged 16 and over, children 15 years or younger and those with a valid medical exemption (medical certificate required).

Outdoor

For gatherings of up to 1,000 people:

- An **outdoor public gathering** is permitted to have of up to 1,000 people, provided there is space to accommodate 1 person per 2 square metres. This includes community sport and recreation activities.
- An outdoor public gathering does not require a COVID-19 Safety Plan and the associated requirements (ie QR code check-in).

For gatherings of over 1,000 people:

- Organisers are permitted to host a **COVID-19 safe outdoor public gathering**, with a maximum capacity of 1 person per 2 square metres. There is no upper limit to capacity beyond the 1 person per 2 square metres.
- A COVID-19 safe outdoor public gathering requires the organiser to have and implement an [Outdoor events COVID-19 Safety Plan](#).

A COVID-19 safe outdoor public gathering (1,000 plus attendees) is one which meets the following requirements:

- Is operating under an Outdoor Events COVID-19 Safety Plan, which must be available on site at all times for inspection;
- Is using QR codes to record attendance at the venue;
- The organiser must take reasonable steps to ensure that an unvaccinated adult does not attend the event.

Note that the COVID-19 Safety Plan required for outdoor community sport has now reverted back to the Outdoor events plan available [here](#). Netball NSW has once again updated a template version of the new Outdoor events COVID-19 Safety Plan on the Netball NSW COVID-19 Information page on the website to assist Associations.

Indoor

Indoor facilities can allow up to 1 person per 2 square metres onto the premises. Indoor facilities are required to be operating under the appropriate COVID-19 Safety Plan for the type of premises.

Recommended Resources

Below are a number of links which go to information and in some cases resources (ie posters etc) which have been prepared by the NSW Government to assist with preparing for and managing COVID-19 safe gatherings. Note that the majority of the resources are aimed at businesses, not volunteer run sporting organisations, but may still be of assistance.

- For more information on the re-opening roadmap visit the [Roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions](#) or see this [infographic](#).
- Click on this link for full details on [QR codes and check-in requirements](#). Note that QR code check-in is no longer required for outdoor public gatherings of less than 1,000 people. However, QR code check-in is required for outdoor events of over 1,000 people operating as COVID-19 safe outdoor public gatherings.
- Information to assist organisations with reopening, are available by [clicking here](#).
- Fact Sheets are available covering the following items:
 - [Proof of vaccination](#) requirements
 - Guidance on [vaccination compliance and obligations](#)
 - Details on [what to do if your business becomes an exposure site](#)
- Visit [Posters and signage](#) to download further materials which can be displayed at your venue to assist with compliance and meeting the requirements of your COVID-19 Safety Plan.

To stay up-to-date please continue to check the [NSW Office of Sport COVID-19 Latest Information](#) page. This page is regularly updated and provides links to other relevant Government websites.

All information sent to Clubs and Associations will also be kept on the [Netball NSW Latest COVID-19 Information](#) page for as long as it remains relevant and up-to-date.

As always, Netball NSW will continue to provide updates as circumstances change. For any further information, please feel free to contact your Regional Manager, Association contact or any Netball NSW staff member for assistance.