



Coronavirus Update and Action Plan

Some [significant updates](#) for NSW have been announced in today's Covid-19 press conference

Greater Sydney

The lockdown for Greater Sydney is being extended to the end of September. Shellharbour and Central Coast LGAs will no longer be classified as Greater Sydney and will instead be considered and treated as part of regional NSW.

LGAs of concern

In the 12 [Local Government Areas of concern](#) new rules are being introduced: From 12.01am Monday, 23 August the following additional rules will apply for residents and businesses in the LGAs of concern:

- Curfews will be introduced from 9pm to 5am (except for authorised workers, emergencies or medical care) to help reduce the movement of young people;
- Outdoor exercise is limited to one hour per day;
- The following retail premises must close except for click and collect: garden centres and plant nurseries, office supplies, hardware and building supplies, landscaping material supplies, rural supplies, and pet supplies (tradespeople are allowed to shop in-store where relevant); and
- All exams and other education or professional development related activities will move online, not including the HSC. The government will provide further information on its education plan in due course.
- Childcare workers and disability support workers who live or work in the LGAs of concern must have their first vaccination dose by 30 August;
- Authorised workers who work outside their LGA of concern are only permitted to work if rapid antigen testing is implemented at their work-site or they have had their first vaccination dose by 30 August.
- From Saturday, 28 August, authorised workers from the LGAs of concern are required to carry a permit from Service NSW declaring that they are an authorised worker and cannot work from home; and
- From Saturday, 28 August, anyone entering an LGA of concern for the purposes of work must carry a worker permit issued by Service NSW.

From 12.01am Monday, 23 August, workers from the Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland and Fairfield LGAs will no longer have to have been tested for COVID-19 in the previous 72 hours to work outside their LGA.

Masks

Across all of New South Wales Masks are to be worn outdoors unless undertaking 'strenuous exercise'. A mask must be carried at all times, even when undertaking strenuous exercise.



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Regional NSW Travel Permits

More details have now been released regarding the travel permit requirements for those travelling between Greater Sydney and Regional NSW that come into effect at midnight tonight. Under the updated public health order, the following people traveling from Greater Sydney to regional NSW require a permit:

- anyone from Greater Sydney (including authorised workers from the LGAs of concern) who needs to travel more than 50km from Greater Sydney for work purposes, noting the existing requirement for such workers to have had a COVID test in the previous seven days
- people travelling to a second home outside Greater Sydney. This is now only allowed if you are using the home for work accommodation or if the home requires urgent maintenance and repairs (if so, only one person may travel there)
- people inspecting a potential new residence, but only if they have a genuine intention to relocate as soon as practicable (no investment properties)
- people who are permanently relocating.

For the purposes of this public health order and permit, Greater Sydney will no longer include Shellharbour and the Central Coast. People travelling to Shellharbour and the Central Coast for the above reasons will require a permit to do so.

Permits will be available through Service NSW by midnight tonight.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself, your Supervisor or Branch Manager.

Travelling by car

If you use a vehicle for work, you are allowed to share the car with a person you do not live with (carpool) if it is required for your work (for example, if you are a police officer working in a team of 2 people).

Proof of Address - You must carry proof of your address if you:

For the full briefing or further information, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/news

Websites to keep you Updated

The [Form1](#) website has all our regular correspondence now linked for you to refer to as required.

We'll continue to share information as it becomes available and do our best to keep you informed about what we are doing as a company and how best to prevent the spread of the virus. It is also advised you stay on top of all the current health alerts, by viewing these websites regularly

- Australian Government: www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019
- NSW Government: NSW Health - [Coronavirus updates and health information](#)
- ACT Government: ACT Health - [Coronavirus updates and health information](#)
- WorkSafe - [Coronavirus: advice for NSW workplaces](#)
- WorkSafe ACT - [Coronavirus advice for ACT workplaces](#)



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