

THE ACT'S COVID-19 PATHWAY FORWARD – FROM 12 NOVEMBER 2021

Our guiding principles

- We will always put the health and wellbeing of the community at the forefront of our decision making, especially the impact on mental health.
- We will get as many people back to work as soon as we can.
- We will continue to listen to the community and businesses about the impact of the public health measures.

Our steps forward

Before we take each step we will consider:

- the current COVID-19 risk, both in the ACT and regional NSW
- our vaccination rates and effectiveness, including in our vulnerable communities

- the capacity of our health system
- our test, trace, isolate and quarantine measures and their effectiveness
- the vaccination rates of our younger groups until they reach 80% vaccination coverage to ensure the best possible protection for our community.

- From 29 October, our restrictions will be largely in line with NSW restrictions for vaccinated people
- We will continue to assess the situation here and in regional NSW, and remain flexible to adapting our pathway forward as necessary.

From 1 October 2021

- Lockdown continues
- No more than 2 people to visit another household at any one time
- 1 household (any size) or up to 5 people can gather outdoors for up to 4 hours for physical or recreational activities
- All non-essential retail can operate click & deliver or click & collect – up to 5 staff or 1 per 4 sqm
- Small businesses can operate click & collect or click & deliver or by contactless means – up to 5 staff or 1 per 4 sqm
- Outdoor bootcamps and personal training can recommence with no more than 2 people (excluding instructors)
- Outdoor and contactless coaching can recommence with no more than 2 people (excluding the coach)
- Nature Reserves and National Parks can open for recreational purposes – outdoor gathering restrictions apply
- All dental services can be undertaken, including preventative services

NOTE:

- Further detail can be found in the Summary of Restrictions Table available on the ACT COVID-19 website.
- These measures are indicative. It is difficult to predict the future with so many competing factors to consider.
- If the situation worsens we may need to delay further easing of restrictions or tighten restrictions again.

From 15 October 2021

- Lockdown lifted (11.59pm 14 October 2021)

The following activities can operate with a capacity of 25 people or density of 1 per 4 sqm, whichever is less for:

- Gyms (excluding classes) & organised outdoor training, weddings, outdoor play centres or amusement centres, places of worship, outdoor auctions, gaming & gambling venues, outdoor tours, community centres or facilities, to broadcast a performance
- Licensed venues, cafes and restaurants for seated service up to 25 people across venue or 1 per 4 sqm indoors. Businesses can have up to 50 people or 1 per 4 sqm if outdoors only. Not both.
- 5 people can visit another household at any one time
- 25 people can gather outdoors
- All non-essential retail can operate a click & collect or click & deliver service. Small business can also operate by contactless means – up to 10 people allowed or 1 per 4 sqm
- Open – hairdressers, beauty and personal services - up to 5 clients
- Open – accommodation, campgrounds, caravan parks and campsites – gathering restrictions apply
- Open – swimming pools for lessons only – up to 25 swimmers
- Gradual return to the workplace where it suits you and your employer
- Funerals increased to 50 attendees

Education:

- 18 October – year 11 & 12 return to on campus learning
- 25 October – early childhood reopens, pre-school to year 2 and years 6,9 & 10 return to on campus learning. Out of school hours care available to on campus learners.

From 22 October 2021 - Non Essential Retail

- Businesses reopen to the public
- 1 person per 4 sqm must be applied

From 29 October 2021

- Facemasks for indoors only (exemptions apply)
- No more than 10 visitors at home at any one time
- 30 people can gather outdoors

The following activities can operate without density limits up to 25 people. If over 25 people the following applies:

Indoor 1 per 4 sqm:

- Hairdressers, beauty & personal services

Indoor 1 per 4 sqm (no cap) or outdoor 1 per 2 sqm up to 300 people:

- Hospitality and licenced venues, gaming & gambling venues, cafes & restaurants, places of worship, weddings & funerals, gyms, fitness, community centres, facilities & youth centres, real estate & auctions
- Food courts for seated service – 1 per 4 sqm

Indoor 1 per 4 sqm (no cap) or outdoor 1 per 2 sqm up to 500 people:

- Organised sport and swimming pools – changerooms open
- Organised events can have up to 500 people without exemption – must be ticketed

- Open with restrictions – cinemas, galleries, museums, cultural institutions, historic sites & outdoor attractions
- Open with restrictions – events & performance venues, conferences & cinemas
- Dance classes, choirs & bands commence – up to 20 people or 1 per 4 sqm
- Businesses not covered elsewhere in the Direction (incl. retail) can open with 1 per 4 sqm to any areas accessible to the public

Education:

- 1 November – years 3,4,5,7 & 8 return to on campus learning
- All students can attend their usual out of school hours care programs.

From Monday 1 November 2021 – Interstate Travel

- Open to NSW and Victoria.
- High risk geographical areas will continue to be restricted, and exemptions required prior to travel

From 12 November 2021

- Facemasks for indoors only (high risk settings, public transport, schools and front of house hospitality)
- No limits on visitors at home or for informal outdoor gatherings

The following activities can operate without density limits up to 25 people. If over 25 people the following applies:
1 per 2 sqm indoors and no density limits outdoors.

- Hairdressers, beauty & personal services
- Hospitality & licenced venues, food courts, gaming & gambling venues, cafes & restaurants, places of worship, weddings & funerals, gyms & fitness, community centres, facilities & youth centres, real estate & auctions, dance classes, choirs, bands & orchestras, nightclubs, galleries, museums, cultural institutions, historic sites, outdoor attractions, conferences and conventions,
- Eating & drinking while standing & dancing is permitted
- All class sizes are limited by density restrictions
- Cinemas – 100% fixed seating, sessions must be ticketed

Events with COVID safety requirements:

- Organised sport and swimming pools apply 1 per 2 sqm for indoor spaces and no density limits outdoors. Max 2000 across each site
- Organised Events (indoor or outdoor) – events over 1000 must be ticketed or pre registered; from 1000 -2000 must submit a COVID safety plan; events over 2000 require an exemption
- Indoor entertainment and event venues; theatre style 100% fixed seating capacity; unfixed seating venues apply 1 per 2 sqm; events up to 1000 must be ticketed or pre registered. Live performance venues can seek exemptions for events at 3 per 4 sqm
- Outdoor entertainment and event venues – 100% fixed seating; unfixed seating 1 per 2 sqm for indoor spaces; events from 1000-2000 must submit a COVID safety plan; events over 2000 require an exemption.

- Businesses not covered elsewhere in the Direction (incl. retail) 1 per 2 sqm to any indoor areas accessible to the public
- Interstate travel – further review of high risk geographical areas
- International travel – no quarantine if fully vaccinated with testing requirements and some quarantine for under 18s. If not fully vaccinated you must quarantine for 14 days at port of entry.

Ongoing →



Maintain good hand hygiene



Keep your distance



Stay home if unwell and get tested



Check In for contact tracing



Monitor travel advice



Wear a face mask



Covid safe plan



For more information:
covid19.act.gov.au

