

# Memorandum

TO: Clergy, Parish Leaders, Parish Leadership Teams, Parish Staff

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FROM: Fr Andrew Doohan VG

DATE: 04/11/2021

ATTACHMENTS: 1

**SUBJECT: Changes to NSW Reopening Arrangements**

Dear Colleagues

You will be aware that earlier this week the NSW Government announced further changes to the NSW 'Roadmap to Reopening' that will have a direct impact on parish life. I have attached to this Memorandum a copy of the information available from the NSW Government website which summarises the announced changes.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As at the time of writing, the Public Health Orders have not yet been amended. There is a chance that the advice contained below and in the attached document may not match any amendments to the Public Health Orders. If that is the case, additional information will be supplied as soon as available.

With effect from Monday 8 November 2021:

- A density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres applies to all locations, both inside and outside.
- Places of worship are not required to check vaccination status of attendees except in those cases outlined below.
- Updated COVID-19 Safety Plans may be required – please visit the NSW Government website closer to the time to have access to the latest version of the templates.
- Funerals are permitted with no person limit for fully vaccinated attendees (subject only to the above density limit).
- Funerals at which a non fully vaccinated person will be attending are limited to a 10-person limit, excluding the person conducting the funeral (i.e., a priest, deacon, or lay minister) or any person necessary for the conduct of the funeral (e.g., funeral director's staff, musicians, altar servers, etc).
- Weddings are permitted with no person limit for full vaccinated attendees (subject only to the above density limit).
- Weddings at which a non fully vaccinated person will be attending are limited to a 5-person limit, excluding those who are legally required to be present (i.e., celebrant, persons being married, two witnesses) and one person who is recording the event.
- Face masks remain mandatory in all indoor settings.

- Singing is only permitted for fully vaccinated persons. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that communal singing not resume at this point. Up to ten fully vaccinated singers may sing in places of public worship and during religious services.
- The collection of contact details remains mandatory in all circumstances.

With effect from 95% Full Vaccination or 15 December 2021 (whichever comes first):

- A density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres applies to all locations, both inside and outside.
- Places of worship are open to everyone.
- COVID-19 Safety Plans will only be required in a limited range of circumstances.
- Funerals are permitted with no person limit for fully vaccinated attendees (subject only to the above density limit).
- Weddings are permitted with no person limit for fully vaccinated attendees (subject only to the above density limit).
- Face masks are no longer mandatory in indoor settings except in very limited circumstances.
- Singing is once again permitted indoors with no limitations.

I am reliably advised that this Memorandum is No 57 since we first encountered COVID-19 in March 2020. I can only hope that there will not be too many more before I can give up on the process altogether.

Thank you for your continuing diligence and care in contributing to the health of our communities. I realise that there have been some very heavy burdens placed on parishes over the last twenty months, and while guarding against complacency, there is an end in sight.




Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



(Fr) Andrew Doohan VG






# REOPENING NSW

FURTHER REOPENING AT 80%	8 NOVEMBER 2021	95% OR 15 DECEMBER
What only <b>fully vaccinated</b> people can do	What only <b>fully vaccinated</b> people can do	What <b>everyone</b> can do
COVID-Safe check-ins and proof of vaccination required for staff and customers in most settings • For settings in regional NSW with vaccination requirements for staff and customers, staff returned to work on 11 October if they have had at least 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, but must be fully vaccinated by 1 November 2021 • Density limits of 1 person per 4 square metres (sqm) for indoor areas and 1 person per 2 sqm for outdoor areas apply to some activities listed below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Safety Plans apply</li> </ul>	COVID-Safe check-ins and proof of vaccination required for staff and customers in most settings • Density limits of 1 person per 2 sqm indoor and outdoor areas apply to all activities listed below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Safety Plans apply</li> </ul>	Density limits of 1 person per 2 sqm indoor and outdoor areas apply to all activities listed below




 <p><b>Masks and QR codes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Masks required for all staff and customers in all indoor settings including on public transport, planes and in airports (except children under the age of 12)</li> <li>&gt; Masks no longer required in office buildings (except for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> <li>&gt; Masks no longer required in outdoor settings (except for front-of-house hospitality staff)</li> <li>&gt; COVID-19 Safe check-ins and proof of vaccination required for staff and customers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Masks required for all staff and customers in all indoor settings including on public transport, planes and in airports (except children under the age of 12)</li> <li>&gt; Masks not required in office buildings (except for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> <li>&gt; Masks not required in outdoor settings (except for front-of-house hospitality staff)</li> <li>&gt; COVID-19 Safe check-ins and proof of vaccination required for staff and customers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Masks required only for public transport, planes and airports, and indoor front-of-house hospitality staff</li> <li>&gt; Masks no longer required in outdoor settings (including for front-of-house hospitality staff)</li> <li>&gt; Proof of vaccination no longer required by Public Health Order</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Visiting family and friends</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Up to 20 visitors allowed in your home at any one time (visitor limits don't apply for children under the age of 12)</li> <li>&gt; Small outdoor gatherings and recreation permitted for up to 50 people (2-person limit for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> <li>&gt; Visitors to residents in aged care facilities and disability homes permitted in line with their policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No limit to number of visitors in your home</li> <li>&gt; No limit to number of people for outdoor public gatherings and recreation, (COVID-19 Safety Plans required if over 1,000 people attend)</li> <li>&gt; All visitors to residents in aged care facilities and disability homes permitted in line with their policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No limit to number of visitors in your home</li> <li>&gt; No limit to number of people for outdoor public gatherings, (COVID-19 Safety Plans required if over 1,000 people attend)</li> <li>&gt; All visitors to residents in aged care facilities and disability homes permitted in line with their policies</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Exercise and recreation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Gyms, indoor recreation and sporting facilities reopen with density limits and up to 20 people in classes</li> <li>&gt; Indoor swimming pools open for swimming lessons, training and rehab activities</li> <li>&gt; Community sport permitted for up to 1,000 fully vaccinated staff, spectators and participants with a COVID-19 Safety Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Gym and dance classes limited to 20 people</li> <li>&gt; Indoor swimming pools reopen for all purposes</li> <li>&gt; Community sports permitted for all staff, spectators and participants (COVID-19 Safety Plans required if over 1,000 people attend)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No person limit in gyms, indoor recreation and sporting facilities, density limits apply</li> <li>&gt; Indoor swimming pools open for all purposes</li> <li>&gt; Community sports permitted for all staff, spectators and participants (COVID-19 Safety Plans required if over 1,000 people attend)</li> </ul>

People under the age of 16 who are not fully vaccinated are allowed unaccompanied in their workplaces and all outdoor settings, but must be with a fully vaccinated member of their household in hospitality venues (unless collecting takeaways), entertainment facilities and major recreation facilities. **Local government areas may be subject to different rules and restrictions in line with Public Health Orders.**

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	What only <b>fully vaccinated</b> people can do	What only <b>fully vaccinated</b> people can do	What <b>everyone</b> can do
 <b>Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Schools reopened with Level 3 or Level 3 Plus COVID-19 safety measures on the 25 October (visit <a href="http://education.nsw.gov.au">education.nsw.gov.au</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Students already returned to face-to-face learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Students already returned to face-to-face learning</li> </ul>
 <b>Shopping and personal services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Non-critical retail reopens with density limits (people who are not fully vaccinated can only access non-critical retail via Click &amp; Collect)</li> <li>&gt; Personal services (including hairdressers, spas, beauty and nail salons, tattoo and massage parlours) reopen with density limits and no person limit</li> <li>&gt; Sex services premises reopen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Non-critical retail remains open with density limits (people who are not fully vaccinated can only access non-critical retail via Click &amp; Collect)</li> <li>&gt; No person limit for personal services (including hairdressers, spas, beauty and nail salons, tattoo and massage parlours), density limits apply</li> <li>&gt; Sex services premises open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Non-critical retail reopens to all, density limits apply</li> <li>&gt; No person limit for personal services (including hairdressers, spas, beauty and nail salons, tattoo and massage parlours), density limits apply</li> <li>&gt; Sex services premises open</li> </ul>
 <b>Restaurants and hospitality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 20 people per booking in hospitality venues, density limits apply (takeaway only for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> <li>&gt; No singing indoors (except for performers)</li> <li>&gt; Dancing is permitted indoors and outdoors</li> <li>&gt; Drinking indoors and outdoors may be seated or standing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No person or booking limit in hospitality venues, density limits apply</li> <li>&gt; Takeaway only for people who are not fully vaccinated</li> <li>&gt; Singing and dancing is permitted indoors and outdoors</li> <li>&gt; Drinking indoors and outdoors may be seated or standing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No person limit in hospitality venues, density limits apply</li> <li>&gt; Singing and dancing is permitted indoors and outdoors for all</li> <li>&gt; Drinking indoors and outdoors may be seated or standing</li> </ul>
 <b>Working from home</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Employers allow staff to continue to work from home, if reasonably practicable</li> <li>&gt; Employers require staff who are not fully vaccinated to work from home, if reasonably practicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Employers allow staff to continue to work from home, if reasonably practicable</li> <li>&gt; Employers require staff who are not fully vaccinated to work from home, if reasonably practicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Employers allow staff to work from home at their discretion</li> </ul>
 <b>Travel and transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No distance limits for travel</li> <li>&gt; Travel holidays, including day trips, between Greater Sydney and regional NSW not permitted</li> <li>&gt; Carpooling permitted (members of your household only for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> <li>&gt; Caravan parks and camping grounds remain open (including for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No distance limits for travel</li> <li>&gt; Travel holidays, including day trips, between Greater Sydney and regional NSW permitted (except for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> <li>&gt; Carpooling permitted (members of your household only for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> <li>&gt; Caravan parks and camping grounds remain open (including for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Travel between Greater Sydney and regional NSW permitted for all</li> <li>&gt; Carpooling permitted for all</li> <li>&gt; Caravan parks and camping grounds remain open (including for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> </ul>

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 <p><b>Events and entertainment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Major recreation facilities (including stadiums, theme parks, and race courses) reopen with density limits for up to 5000 people, or by exemption</li> <li>&gt; Entertainment facilities (including cinemas and theatres) reopen with density limit or 75% fixed seated capacity</li> <li>&gt; Information and education facilities (including art galleries, museums and libraries) reopen with density limits</li> <li>&gt; COVID-19 safe outdoor gatherings permitted for up to 200 people</li> <li>&gt; Controlled outdoor public gatherings (fenced, seated and ticketed) permitted for up to 3,000 people with density limit</li> <li>&gt; Nightclubs and strip clubs reopen with seated drinking and no dancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No person limit for major recreation facilities (including stadiums, theme parks and race courses), subject to density limits or 100% of fixed seated capacity</li> <li>&gt; No person limit for entertainment facilities (including cinemas and theatres), subject to density limits or 100% of fixed seated capacity</li> <li>&gt; No person limit for information and education facilities (including art galleries, museums and libraries), density limits still apply</li> <li>&gt; No person limit for outdoor public gatherings and recreation (COVID-19 Safety Plans required if over 1,000 people attend)</li> <li>&gt; Dancing permitted and drinking alcohol not required to be seated in nightclubs and strip clubs</li> <li>&gt; Sex on premises venues reopen, density limits apply</li> <li>&gt; Music festivals prohibited</li> <li>&gt; Amusement centres and play centres reopen, density limits apply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No person limit for major recreation facilities (including stadiums, theme parks and race courses), subject to density limits or 100% of fixed seated capacity</li> <li>&gt; No person limit for entertainment facilities (including cinemas and theatres), subject to density limits or 100% of fixed seated capacity</li> <li>&gt; No person limit for information and education facilities (including art galleries, museums and libraries), density limits still apply</li> <li>&gt; No person limit for outdoor public gatherings and recreation (COVID-19 Safety Plans required if over 1,000 people attend)</li> <li>&gt; Nightclubs, strip clubs and sex on premises venues open, density limits apply</li> <li>&gt; Music festivals reopen with 20,000 person limit and density limits</li> <li>&gt; Amusement centres and play centres open to all</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Weddings and religious services</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Wedding ceremonies permitted with no person limit (5-person limit for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> <li>&gt; Wedding receptions permitted with no person limit (not permitted for people who are not fully vaccinated), eating and drinking allowed while standing, and dancing is permitted, density limits still apply</li> <li>&gt; Funerals permitted with no person limit (10-person limit for people who are not fully vaccinated) and eating and drinking allowed while standing, density limits still apply</li> <li>&gt; Places of worship reopen for people who are not fully vaccinated with density limits</li> <li>&gt; Up to 10 fully vaccinated singers may perform in places of worship and at religious services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Wedding ceremonies permitted with no person limit (5-person limit for people who are not fully vaccinated)</li> <li>&gt; Wedding receptions permitted with no person limit (not permitted for people who are not fully vaccinated), eating and drinking allowed while standing, and dancing is permitted, density limits still apply</li> <li>&gt; Funerals permitted with no person limit (10-person limit for people who are not fully vaccinated) and eating and drinking allowed while standing, density limits still apply</li> <li>&gt; No singing or dancing indoors for people who are not fully vaccinated</li> <li>&gt; Eating and drinking at weddings and funerals must be seated for people who are not fully vaccinated</li> <li>&gt; Places of worship open to all, density limits still apply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Weddings permitted with no person limit, eating and drinking allowed while standing and dancing permitted, density limits still apply</li> <li>&gt; Funerals permitted with no person limit, and eating and drinking allowed while standing, density limits still apply</li> <li>&gt; Singing and dancing indoors permitted by all</li> <li>&gt; Places of worship open to all, density limits still apply</li> </ul>