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### **COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS TO EASE BUT COMPLIANCE MUST INCREASE**

A number of COVID-19 restrictions across NSW will be eased as the State continues to move forward in a COVID-Safe way.

From 12.01am Monday, 29 March, the following will apply:

- No caps on weddings and funerals;
- No restrictions on singing including in places of worship;
- No restriction on dancing including at weddings and in pubs and nightclubs;
- No cap on visitors in the home (if there are more than 100 people there must be a COVID-19 Safety plan and electronic recording of visitor details);
- 200 people allowed for personal outdoor public gatherings;
- All venues to move to the one person per 2sqm rule (venues will be allowed at least 25 people before the 2sqm rule applies);
- 100 per cent seated capacity at entertainment venues including stadiums and theatres, and;
- Mask use including on public transport will move from 'mandatory' to 'strongly recommended'.

Businesses and other organisations must continue to ensure they keep accurate records of all attendances, including through QR Codes, to enable fast contact tracing in the event of any community transmission.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the easing of restrictions is a significant step forward as NSW continues its COVID-19 recovery.

“With no community transmission and our quarantine and frontline workers now receiving their second vaccinations, the timing is right to further ease restrictions across the State,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“As we do this, it is important we don’t let our guard down and continue to check in at venues, keep our social distance and get tested if we have even the mildest of symptoms.”

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the further lifting of restrictions would help support businesses and jobs across the state.

“Today we take another big stride in the right direction, easing restrictions is important in helping businesses return to normal, it’s like a jab of confidence for the economy,” Mr Perrottet said.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the further easing of restrictions was possible due to the support and sacrifices of the people of NSW.

“The initial focus of our vaccination program on frontline quarantine, border and healthcare workers has also given us greater confidence as it reduces the risk of COVID being introduced into the community from an overseas source,” Mr Hazzard said.

Dr Chant said it is critical everyone continues to practise COVID-safe behaviours, including using QR codes, staying home if unwell and getting tested.

“I also urge everyone to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible and able to do so. It will not only protect you, your family and loved ones, but will keep the whole community safe,” Dr Chant said.

For the latest information and COVID-19 testing sites please visit:

[www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)