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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ROADMAP TO RECOVERY REVEALS PATH FORWARD FOR ALL NSW**

NSW has a clear path to follow out of the pandemic and lockdowns, with the roadmap for easing restrictions at the **80 per cent double dose target** revealing a brighter future for the community.

From the Monday after NSW hits the 80 per cent (aged 16 and over) double dose vaccination target, eased restrictions will allow those who are fully vaccinated to have up to 10 people visit their home, participate in community sport, and access hospitality venues (where drinking while standing up will be allowed indoors). All premises will operate at 1 person per 4sqm indoors, and 1 person per 2sqm outdoors.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the 80 per cent roadmap will also remove the limit of fully vaccinated guests for weddings and funerals, and remove customer caps for personal services such as hairdressers.

“I know people are counting down the minutes until we reach 70 per cent double dose and the freedoms that will provide, and today we are providing further certainty by announcing the 80 per cent roadmap and future settings,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Vaccination remains our ticket to freedom so we need to work even harder to get jabs in arms, to help stop the spread, minimise outbreaks and ensure people are protected when we open up.”

Given updated health advice, adjustments have been made to the 70 per cent roadmap. Regional travel will now not be allowed until 80 per cent (fully vaccinated only), and a booking cap has been introduced for hospitality venues of 20 people per booking.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said the NSW Government is considering changes to incoming international arrival caps, so more people can return home for Christmas.

“The NSW Government’s 70 per cent roadmap lifts fully vaccinated people out of lockdown and when we reach 80 per cent, restrictions will ease even further,” Mr Barilaro said.

“The key continues to be vaccination rates, so please do not hesitate and book in for your free COVID-19 vaccine today so we can reach these targets as soon as possible.

“I must also clarify that travel between Greater Sydney and regional NSW will only be permitted when the state reaches 80 per cent double dose. This change is necessary to give some regional areas the time they need to increase local vaccination rates.”

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the milestone marked a shift in gear for the State’s economic recovery.

“There’s a real sense of optimism returning to our community as our vaccination rates keep climbing and that’s giving businesses the confidence they need to reopen and for people to start returning to work and getting their lives back on track,” Mr Perrottet said.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard thanked the people of NSW for their sacrifices.

“Our health workers continue to rely on people to make smart choices, to keep a safe distance, not go to work when they are feeling unwell and to get tested when they show the slightest of symptoms.

“It’s that dedication which allows us to ease some of the restrictions again and to begin the process of opening up the state,” Mr Hazzard said.

The roadmap may be fine-tuned by NSW Health as we monitor the COVID-19 situation over the coming weeks.

**From 1 December** further changes will be introduced including all venues moving to the 2sqm rule, masks will not be required indoors at offices, indoor pools and nightclubs can reopen, and unvaccinated people will have greater freedoms.

If you are not booked in for a COVID-19 vaccine, please [book an appointment](#) as soon possible. For the latest information visit [nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

## **80 PER CENT ROADMAP**

Under the Reopening NSW roadmap at **80 per cent**, the following freedoms will apply only to fully vaccinated adults (16+) and those with medical exemptions (staff and patrons).

### **Gatherings in the home and outdoor public spaces**

- Up to **10** visitors will be allowed in a home (not including children 12 and under)
- Up to **20** people can continue to gather in unregulated outdoor settings
- Up to **200** people can attend COVID Safe events
- Up to **500** people can attend controlled (ticketed and seated) events
- Community sport permitted
- Those who are not fully vaccinated may only gather outdoors in groups of **2** people.

### **Venues including hospitality, retail stores and gyms**

- Retail stores can operate at **one person per 4 sqm** (those who are not fully vaccinated will continue to only have access to non-critical retail via click-and-collect)
- Personal services such as hairdressers, spa, nail, beauty, waxing, tattoo and massage) can operate with **one person per 4 sqm** (uncapped)
- Hospitality venues can operate with **one person per 4 sqm inside** and **one person per 2 sqm outside**, with the requirement to be seated while drinking **indoors** removed. Group bookings will be limited to **20** people. Those who are not fully vaccinated can only access hospitality settings for takeaway
- Gyms and indoor recreation facilities (excluding indoor pools) can operate with **one person per 4sqm**, capped at **20** people per class.

### **Major outdoor recreation facilities**

- Major recreation outdoor facilities including stadiums, racecourses, theme parks and zoos can operate with **one person per 4 sqm**, capped at **5,000** people (or by exemption).

### **Entertainment, information and education facilities**

- Entertainment facilities (including cinemas, theatres, music halls) can operate with **one person per 4 sqm** or **75 per cent** fixed seated capacity (whichever is larger)
- Information and education facilities (including libraries, galleries and museums) can operate with **one person per 4 sqm**
- Amusement centres and nightclubs will remain closed.

### **Working from home**

- Employers must **continue to allow** employees to work from home, if reasonably practicable

- Employers must **require** employees who are not fully vaccinated to work from home, if reasonably practicable.

### **Education**

- Return to school with COVID Safe measures on **25 October** (as previously announced).

### **Weddings, funerals and places of worship**

- **One person per 4sqm** (uncapped) for weddings with dancing permitted and eating and drinking allowed while standing. Those who are not fully vaccinated may only attend weddings with a maximum of **5** guests (no receptions)
- **One person per 4 sqm** (uncapped) for funerals. Those who are not fully vaccinated may only attend funerals with a maximum of 10 people
- Churches and places of worship can continue to open with **one person per 4 sqm**, with no singing. Those who are not fully vaccinated will be allowed.

### **Travel**

- Unrestricted trips between Greater Sydney and Regional NSW will be permitted
- Caravan parks and camping grounds can operate, including for those who are not fully vaccinated
- Carpooling is permitted. Those who are not fully vaccinated can only carpool with their household.

### **Masks**

- Masks will remain mandatory for all indoor premises and settings, except children under 12
- Only hospitality staff will be required to wear a mask while outdoors

### **CHANGES FROM 1 DECEMBER 2021**

On Wednesday 1 December 2021, the following settings will apply to **all** NSW citizens, regardless of their vaccination status:

#### **Gatherings in the home and outdoor public spaces**

- **No limit** on the number of visitors to a home
- Density will shift to **one person per 2 sqm** for indoor and outdoor settings
- **No limit** on the number of people who can attend informal outdoor gatherings
- COVID Safe plan required for outdoor events with more than **1,000** people
- Community sport permitted for all people.

#### **Venues including hospitality, retail stores and gyms**

- Retail stores can operate at **one person per 2 sqm**
- Personal services such as hairdressers, spa, nail, beauty, waxing, tattoo and massage can operate with **one person per 2 sqm**

- Hospitality venues can operate with **one person per 2 sqm** inside and outside, with no seating required for eating and drinking
- Gyms and indoor recreation facilities, including indoor pools, can operate with **one person per 2 sqm** (uncapped)
- Intimate services can open with **one person per 4 sqm**

### **Major outdoor recreation facilities**

- Major recreation outdoor facilities including stadiums, racecourses, theme parks and zoos can operate with **one person per 2 sqm**.

### **Entertainment, information and education facilities**

- Entertainment facilities (including cinemas, theatres, music halls) can operate with **one person per 2 sqm**
- Information and education facilities (including libraries, museums and galleries) can operate with **one person per 2 sqm**
- Amusement centres and nightclubs can open with **one person per 4 sqm**.

### **Working from home**

- Working from home will be at employer's discretion.

### **Education**

- All year groups return to face-to-face learning.

### **Weddings, funerals and places of worship**

- **One person per 2 sqm** for weddings with dancing permitted and eating and drinking allowed while standing
- **One person per 2 sqm** for funerals
- Churches and places of worship can operate with **one person per 2 sqm**, with singing permitted.

### **Travel**

- Domestic travel, including trips between Greater Sydney and Regional NSW
- Caravan parks and camping grounds can operate
- Carpooling is permitted
- Quarantine settings for vaccinated arrivals will be altered. A cap on unvaccinated travellers may remain.

### **Masks**

- Masks wearing will be mandatory while travelling on public transport, on planes and at airports, and for front-of-house hospitality workers
- Mask wearing is not required when outdoors.

For further information about the Reopening NSW roadmap, go to [www.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19).