

MEMO



TO CHURCH LEADERS / MEMBERS

FROM CTJ COVID-19 MARSHALL

SUBJECT COVID-19 UPDATE - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19 2021

Hi CTJ Family,

With the continuing spread of the Coronavirus around the globe, we are very aware that the recent attention around COVID-19 is of concern to people. Come to Jesus Church is committed to the wellbeing of all people within our church community, aiming to provide a safe environment for all who attend our services and programs. **LGAs OF CONCERN IN GREATER SYDNEY AND MOST PARTS OF REGIONAL NSW will currently continue to be in lockdown until the Monday after NSW passes the 70 per cent double vaccination target.**

Please find attached the information regarding the COVID-19 restriction as per NSW Health and the Australian Christian Churches (ACC).

An announcement from NSW HEALTH this morning has stated that the state's local government areas (LGAs) of concern will from tomorrow be subjected to the same lockdown rules and stay-at-home orders as the rest of Greater Sydney.

NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

From September 20 2021 at 12:01am, the following will be permitted:

- No limit on the duration of outdoor exercise and recreation (previously a two-hour limit)
- Outdoor gatherings of up to five fully vaccinated people (not including children aged 12 and under) will be allowed in a person's LGA or within 5km of home. Previously only fully vaccinated household members could gather outdoors, or up to two fully vaccinated people from different households
- Shopping, exercise, and outdoor recreation can be done 5km from home or within your LGA (previously only 5km from home)
- Attend a small wedding (maximum 11 people) in Greater Sydney as a guest (previously only allowed in their LGA)
- A person's single's bubble buddy can live in Greater Sydney (previously must have resided within 5km of a person's home). A person from a LGA of concern can also now be a buddy for someone in Greater Sydney.
- The authorised worker conditions and the travel permit requirements, however, will remain in place for those 12 LGAs, however.
- On September 27, all public pools in NSW will reopen, provided councils have a COVID-safe plan approved by NSW Health.

WEDDINGS

You can attend a small wedding service if:

- You're legally required to conduct the wedding service as the celebrant or officiant
- You are one of the 2 people getting married
- You are one of the 2 necessary witnesses
- You are recording the service
- You are one of 5 guests
- These rules mean that no more than 11 people can attend a wedding service

For more information, head to our website at www.cometojesus.com.au

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FUNERALS

- Attending a funeral or memorial service is a reasonable excuse to leave home
- If you live in Greater Sydney, you can only leave your home to attend a funeral, memorial service or gathering afterwards outside of Greater Sydney if you're a spouse, de facto partner, parent, child or sibling of the deceased person
- If you live in Bayside, Blacktown, Burwood Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Georges River, Liverpool, Parramatta, Strathfield or 12 suburbs in Penrith in Greater Sydney, you may leave your local government area to attend a funeral or memorial service or gathering afterwards if you're a spouse, de facto partner, parent, child or sibling of the deceased person
- Up to 10 people can attend an indoor or outdoor funeral or memorial service or gathering afterwards. The people conducting and preparing the service are not included in this cap
- A funeral can't occur at a private home

CHURCH SERVICES

- A place of worship can't open to members of the public except to hold a funeral service or memorial service that complies with the rules for funerals and memorial services (see above)
- A place of worship can, however, host livestream services. You can attend a place of worship if you're directly involved in the service or the operation of the livestream equipment
- Only 2 people can sing during the livestream of a religious service and they don't need to wear a mask. No more than 2 other people can be in the room while they are singing, and anyone in the room with the singers must wear a face mask. Singers must be 3 metres from anyone else while singing

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