

Updated Restrictions (From Monday 8 Oct)

Density limits for all gatherings	<p>At a Place of Public Worship: 1 person/2m²</p>
Who can attend gatherings This refers to church gatherings of any type, including worship services, ministry groups, age specific programmes outreach events, etc	<p>Both vaccinated and unvaccinated adults and children are allowed to attend Places of Public Worship, both indoors and outdoors. There is no longer a requirement for unvaccinated children to be accompanied by a vaccinated household member.</p> <p>Churches who hire other venues should check with the venue owner. The government has confirmed that the regulations for Places of Public Worship also cover other buildings when they are being used for the purpose of religious worship.</p> <p>An updated COVID-19 Safety Plan must be in place.</p> <p>Note that schools are not currently permitted to allow external users on school grounds. Churches who meet in schools will need to liaise with their school to find out when they may be allowed on the premises. The NSW Education Department is likely to allow community users to return school premises schools move to “Level 2” school restrictions.</p> <p>Outdoor gatherings (not at places of residence, Places of Public Worship or other allowed venues): are uncapped if all attendees 16+ are fully vaccinated.</p>
Kids programs during Worship Services	<p>May operate, same guidelines as above. We would strongly encourage churches to ensure that leaders are vaccinated.</p>
Kids Clubs/Playtime/Toddler Group	<p>May operate on church premises, same guidelines as above. If at other venues, check with the venue. We would strongly encourage churches to ensure that leaders are vaccinated.</p>
Youth Groups	<p>May operate on church premises, same guidelines as above. If at other venues, check with the venue. We would strongly encourage churches to ensure that leaders are vaccinated.</p>
Small / Home Groups	<p>Home visits are fully uncapped if all 16+ at the premises are vaccinated.</p>
Funerals	<p>If all attendees are vaccinated, calculate capacity using the 2sqm rule. Any unvaccinated children attending must be accompanied by a vaccinated household member.</p> <p>If any attendees are unvaccinated – up to 10 guests only.</p> <p>These restrictions currently apply even when funerals take place on church premises.</p>
Weddings	<p>If all attendees are vaccinated, calculate capacity using the 2sqm rule. Any unvaccinated children attending must be accompanied by a vaccinated household member.</p> <p>If any attendees are unvaccinated – up to 5 guests only.</p> <p>These restrictions currently apply even when funerals take place on church premises.</p>
Masks at gatherings	<p>Required indoors for people over 12, with similar exemptions to what we are used to, including for those “engaging in work if... enunciation or visibility of the person’s mouth is essential”.</p>
Singing at gatherings	<p>Outdoors: Yes Indoors: Indoor Congregational singing is allowed for the fully vaccinated only. This rule applies also to both Weddings and Funerals, except for ‘small weddings’ and ‘small funerals’ where unvaccinated people are present.</p>
Employees working location	<p>Vaccinated: Must be allowed to work from home if reasonably practical. Unvaccinated: Required to work from home unless not reasonably practical.</p>