

19 June 2020

Dear Proprietor

## **COVID-19 Restrictions – Stage 2.2 commences at midday today**

At 12 noon today the next step in Canberra's Recovery Plan commenced, with restrictions impacting on places of worship continuing to gradually ease.

We thank you for your compliance to date, with your support assisting our community in managing COVID-19 and directly contributing to this lift in restrictions for business and industry.

We are currently at Stage 2.2 of the [ACT Government's Recovery Plan](#).

### What does this mean?

From **12 noon today (Friday, 19 June 2020)**, places of worship can continue to open provided they comply with the following revised restrictions:

- There are no more than 100 people or one person per 4 square metres, whichever is lesser, in each indoor space.
- You have a visitor book in which attendees can enter their first name, phone number and the time and date of their visit.
- You have a COVID-19 Safety Plan, to which it must adhere, and which must be produced when requested by an authorised person.
  - Note: if you have gatherings of less than 20 people you do not need a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Note: An indoor space means an area, room or premises that is, or are, substantially enclosed by a roof and walls (of solid construction and stretching from floor to ceiling), regardless of whether the roof or walls or any part of them are permanent or temporary; or open or closed.

These requirements are outlined in the [Public Health Direction](#).

It is suggested that, as far as practicable, the following risk mitigation measures be applied to gatherings:

- Promote physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres between people.
- Hand hygiene products and suitable waste receptacles should be available, to allow for frequent cleaning and waste disposal.
- Clearly display signage at the entrance to the facility recommending unwell individuals isolate at home and not attend.
- Wherever possible, physical contact should be avoided.
- Where activities involve the use of equipment, that equipment should be regularly cleaned.

### Supporting safety in our community through education and compliance:

Access Canberra, the Health Protection Service and ACT Policing will continue to proactively monitor and enforce restrictions to protect community health.

Your business may have already had a visit or been contacted by these teams during the COVID-19 response. We are working to support business understanding of the restrictions to support compliance, through educating and engaging with business, however strict penalties apply and action may be taken against those who put the community at risk through serious or repeated breaches of legal requirements and Public Health Directions.

Where can I get more information?

The ACT Government's [COVID-19 website](#) has a range of materials to support business and industry.

This includes frequently asked questions and answers, factsheets and posters you can display to ensure staff and your customers are aware of the requirements.

We recognise that you may have some questions after you have read the information and the Access Canberra Business Liaison Unit remains committed to supporting you. The team can be contacted on (02) 6205 0900.

Support for the indoor sports sector:

If you are finding it difficult to pay your bills or rent, the ACT Government is offering financial support through:

- Freezing increases to a range of fees and charges
- A \$750 electricity rebate for some small businesses
- Incentives for landlords who reduce rent for businesses; and
- Payroll tax waivers and deferrals.

Find out how to apply at: [www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-hub/economic-survival-package/supporting-local-businesses-and-the-economy](http://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-hub/economic-survival-package/supporting-local-businesses-and-the-economy)

Yours sincerely



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