

## **BARTON DEAKIN BRIEF: Updated NSW Three-Stage Roadmap To Recovery**

**2 November 2021**

### **Overview**

The NSW Government's three-stage roadmap to recovery to return to a new COVID-normal is contingent upon the vaccination thresholds outlined by the Doherty Institute. The first two stages initiated when 70% and 80% of NSW's population aged 16 years and above were double-vaccinated, respectively, with a third stage brought forward to 8<sup>th</sup> of November.

The NSW population 16 years and older reached 70% double-vaccination on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October with relaxations occurring the first Monday afterwards on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, and 80% was reached a week later with restrictions easing on 18 October 2021.

Unvaccinated adults are subject to stay-at-home orders until the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.

### **Stage Three, 8 November 2021**

#### **Indoor/outdoor gatherings**

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

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#### **Venues – hospitality and retail stores**

- Retail stores and all professional services can operate at 1 person per 2sqm
- Hospitality venues can operate with 1 person per 2sqm inside and outside, with no seating required for eating and drinking

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

- Entertainment facilities can operate with 1 person per 2sqm
- Amusement centres and nightclubs can open with 1 person per 4sqm

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

- 1 person per 2sqm for weddings, funerals, and places of worship
- No restrictions for dancing, eating, and drinking at weddings
- Singing will be permitted at places of worship

#### **Travel**

- No restrictions on domestic travel, including Greater Sydney and Regional NSW
- Carpooling permitted
- Quarantine settings for vaccinated arrivals will be altered, with a possible cap on unvaccinated travellers

#### **Masks**



- Masks will remain mandatory for all indoor premises and settings except offices, with only hospitality staff required to wear a mask outdoors

### **Non-vaccinated residents**

- Stay at home orders will apply to non-vaccinated residents until we reach 95% double dose in NSW or 15 December 2021 (whichever happens first). Upon arriving at this date, the aforementioned freedoms will apply to all NSW citizens, regardless of their vaccination status

### **Additional Information**

- You can access the Premier's **most recent changes** to the Stage 3 roadmap [here](#).
- You can access the Premier's Roadmap to Recovery Media Release (07/09/21) [here](#).
- You can access the NSW Government's Roadmap to Recovery factsheet (released on 8/09/21) [here](#).

### **Stage One, 70% Coverage (from the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2021)**

Stay-at-home orders for adults who have received two COVID-19 vaccine doses were lifted. The following guidelines applied to fully vaccinated and medically exempted residents:

#### **Indoor/outdoor gatherings**

- Up to 10 visitors in a home where all adults were vaccinated, with up to 30 people outdoors

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

- Hospitality venues reopened subject to 1 person per 4sqm inside and 1 person per 2sqm outside, with standing while drinking permitted outside
- Retail stores and personal services reopened under 1 person per 4 sqm, with a cap of 5 clients for personal services
- Gyms and indoor facilities reopened under 1 person per 4sqm, with classes of 20
- Sporting facilities including swimming pools reopened
- Indoor pools opened for swimming lessons, squad, lap swimming and rehabilitation

#### **Stadiums, theatres and major outdoor recreation facilities**

- Major recreation outdoor facilities reopened under 1 person per 4sqm (capped at 5,000), with 500 people allowed at ticketed and seated outdoor events
- Indoor entertainment facilities reopened with 1 person per 4sqm or 75% seated capacity

#### **Masks**

- Masks remained mandatory for all indoor public venues, including public transport, hospitality, retail and business premises, on places and at airports
- Only hospitality staff were required to wear a mask when outdoors

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

- Up to 100 guests could attend weddings and funerals, with eating/drinking only while seated
- Dancing was permitted at weddings
- Up to 10 fully vaccinated singers could perform in places of worship and at religious services



Non-vaccinated under-16-year-olds were able to access all outdoor settings and only indoor venues with members of their household.

## **Stage Two, 80% Coverage (from the 18th of October 2021)**

The following freedoms will apply to fully vaccinated and medically exempted residents:

### **Indoor/outdoor gatherings**

- Up to 20 visitors were allowed in a home, not including children aged 12 and under
- Up to 50 people could gather in outdoor settings
- 3000 people allowed at ticketed/seated events
- Community sport was permitted

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

- All venues could operate with 1 person per 4sqm indoors, 1 person per 2sqm outdoors
- Group bookings for hospitality venues was limited to 20 people
- Customer caps for personal services such as hairdressers were removed
- Gym classes were capped at 20 people per class
- Those who were not fully vaccinated will only have access to non-critical retail through click-and-collect and can only access hospitality settings for takeaway

### **Major outdoor recreation facilities**

- Stadiums, racecourses, theme parks and zoos could operate with 1 person per 4sqm, capped at 5,000 people

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

- Entertainment facilities could operate with 1 person per 4sqm, or 75% seated capacity
- Nightclubs could open, with seated drinking and no dancing

### **Travel**

- Unrestricted trips between Greater Sydney and Regional NSW were permitted from 1 November 2021
- Carpooling was permitted, unvaccinated carpooling permitted within their household

### **Masks**

- Masks were mandatory for all indoor premises and settings except offices, with only hospitality staff required to wear a mask outdoors

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

- 1 person per 4spm (uncapped) for weddings, funerals, and places of worship
- Eating/drinking while standing was allowed
- Unvaccinated citizens were allowed to attend weddings with a maximum of 5 guests, funerals with a maximum of 10 people and all places of worship.
- Up to 10 fully vaccinated singers could perform in places of worship and at religious services

Schools returned with COVID-safe measures on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October for years Kindergarten, 1 and 12, with all remaining years returning to school on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

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