

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO AN OUTBREAK

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Additional restrictions may be necessary during a COVID-19 outbreak within the ACT, either prior to or after a “Pause and Assess” period

The restrictions outlined below may be implemented to respond to an outbreak situation in the ACT. These could be implemented before or after a brief and rapid “Pause and Assess” period, and may remain in place for a variable time period depending on the circumstances of the outbreak (for instance one incubation period through to months).

Note: These restrictions provide a guide only. The gathering restrictions and caps outlined below may change, depending on the outbreak situation which is being managed.

Pause and Assess

During the 'pause and assess' period, all community members would be required to stay at home except for the following reasons:

- To undertake essential work or study, if they cannot work or study from home or remotely
- To attend usual childcare arrangements, where parents or guardians need to undertake essential work or study
- To shop for essentials like groceries, medicine and necessary supplies
- To attend to medical or health care needs including compassionate requirements, and looking after the vulnerable
- To attend a facility to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, where the individual is eligible for a vaccination in the ACT, an appointment has been booked, and the individual is not in isolation or in quarantine
- To exercise outdoors, limited to one hour per day
- For essential animal welfare purposes (e.g. to feed pets or livestock that live elsewhere)
- Leaving due to an emergency.

Other measures and advice around the 'pause and assess' period would be provided to the community, and this may include advice on:

- wearing of masks
- travel advice (including use of public transport)
- testing requirements and arrangements.

Tightening of Restrictions

20 people (indoors) and 30 people (outdoors), unless otherwise specified

Patrons and staff aged 16 years or more must check in using the Check In CBR app to assist with rapid contact tracing. This requirement may be expanded to non-restricted businesses/settings.

All businesses and undertakings restricted to 20 people across the premises (excluding staff).

Patrons must be seated while drinking at all hospitality venues, regardless of whether the venue is indoors or outdoors.

Households can have up to 5 visitors, including children, per day.

Outdoor Gatherings limited to 30 people.

Weddings and funerals can have up to 20 people (indoors) and 30 people (outdoors) (excluding staff involved in these services).

Community sport can resume for training purposes, limited to 30 people (excluding staff).

Outdoor exercise classes can resume with up to 30 people (excluding staff). Indoor gyms and fitness centres must apply the business restrictions.

Working from home where it suits you and your employer.

Schools and Higher Education and Training to undertake remote learning only. Schools open for vulnerable children and children of essential workers or those unable to work from home.

Consider mandatory masks when attending indoor venues, as well as for certain businesses and activities, (for example, front of house hospitality staff, on public transport, in places of worship, hairdressers, beauticians).

Restrict Visitors in vulnerable settings eg. hospitals, aged care, prisons.

Tightening of Restrictions

25 people or one person per 4 square metres up to 100 people, unless otherwise specified

Patrons and staff aged 16 years or more must check in using the Check In CBR app to assist with rapid contact tracing. This requirement may be expanded to non-restricted businesses/settings.

Businesses and undertakings can open with 25 people before density requirements apply. A density requirement of one person per four square metres can be subsequently applied, up to 100 people (excluding staff).

Patrons must be seated while drinking at indoor hospitality venues, regardless of whether the venue is indoors or outdoors.

Households can have up to 10 visitors, including children, per day.

Outdoor Gatherings limited to 150 people in total.

Indoor venues, with forward facing, fixed and tiered seating (eg theatres and cinemas) can have 50 per cent of seated capacity up to 100 people, with maximum group size of 10 people. Density of one person per four square metres applies to non-seated areas.

Outdoor seated venues can have 50 per cent of seated capacity up to 150 people per venue, with maximum group size of 20 people.

Weddings can have one person per four square metres up to 100 people (excludes the celebrant and a photographer). Weddings held in private homes must follow the cap for household visitation.

Funerals can have one person per four square metres up to 100 people (excludes persons conducting the funeral). Wakes held in business venues must comply with those business restrictions.

Community sport can resume for training and competition purposes, limited to 150 people outdoors, or 100 people indoors (excluding staff).

Outdoor exercise classes can resume with up to 150 people (class sizes should be limited to 50 people). Indoor gyms and fitness centres must apply the business restrictions (excluding staff).

Workplaces may commence a return to the workplace if it suits employers and employees, with a COVID Safety Plan in place. Indoor Office spaces may wish to consider applying a capacity requirement (eg, 50 percent) within the space at any one time.

Schools open for face-to-face learning.

Universities, CIT and other vocational training providers to resume face to face learning.

Consider mandatory masks when attending indoor venues, as well as for certain businesses and activities, (for example, front of house hospitality staff, on public transport, in places of worship, hairdressers, beauticians).

Restrict Visitors in vulnerable settings eg. hospitals, aged care, prisons.