

CANBERRA'S RECOVERY PLAN

STAGE 3 CHECK POINT REPORT

Easing of COVID-19 restrictions in the ACT is taking place in stages to enable us to carefully monitor the situation in the ACT. As we ease restrictions, remaining flexible and readily able to respond to the changing circumstances of the pandemic is important.

Canberra's Recovery Plan has several check points along the way, so that each stage can be assessed before moving to the next. These health checks are crucial to helping to keep us safe moving forward.

Below is a summary of the check point that has been undertaken to assess the move to Stage 3. Following this public health risk assessment, some remaining businesses and activities can recommence under strict COVID guidelines from 9:00am Monday 10 August 2020. However, there are other elements of the ACT's easing of restrictions roadmap that will not be implemented at this time because of the ongoing clusters occurring in NSW, our neighboring jurisdiction.

While Canberra is in a good position right now, we cannot ignore the broader environment.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE MEASURE	STATUS
CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES	
0 cases notified in the past week	●
0 active cases	●
27 days since the last case notified	●
115 days since the last case with potential community/local transmission	●
TESTING	
Total number of negative tests collected in the ACT - 55,115	●
Average number of tests collected per day in the past week - approx. 630	●
QUARANTINE	
Total number of people in quarantine that are known to ACT Health - 307. It is anticipated this number will reduce as the quarantine related to Batemans Bay outbreak ends.	●
COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE OF RESTRICTIONS	
Business compliance with public health directions and physical distancing requirements continuing	●
In the July Community YourSay Panel COVID-19 Survey, 91% of respondents said they 'practised physical distancing' and 85% said they 'washed their hands more regularly' either "a great deal" or "quite a bit".	●
HEALTH PREPAREDNESS	
The impact of COVID-19 cases on our tertiary health system has been manageable. There are no active cases in hospital.	●
SUMMARY OF COVID-19 CASES FROM SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS	
The Batemans Bay cluster has been contained by NSW. The last week has seen a steady daily number of locally-acquired cases across NSW, including a small number with no known links. Although the ACT border to Victoria remains closed, the continuing significant growth in case numbers daily, and the evidence of widespread community transmission is concerning.	●

LEGEND	● REVIEW	● PROCEED WITH CAUTION	● ON TRACK
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As at 6 August 2020

National considerations

The ACT is closely monitoring disease surveillance in other jurisdictions. Steady case numbers in NSW from multiple clusters, and continued growth in cases in Victoria is concerning.

The situation unfolding in Victoria has led to all jurisdictions imposing border restrictions with Victoria. The ACT has also issued advice to Canberrans not to travel to Greater Sydney unless it is for absolutely essential reasons.

The situation unfolding is something that we will continue to see as we learn to live with COVID-19 and serves as a reminder of the ongoing risk of resurgence in cases.

This is why we must continue to monitor case movement closely and ease restrictions in a measured way.

Canberrans are being advised not to travel to Victoria, Greater Sydney and hotspot areas of NSW at this time for anything but essential reasons.

For COVID-19 stats across all jurisdictions, visit the [Australian Government Department of Health website](https://www.health.gov.au). This information is updated daily.

Restrictions may have eased but your responsibility hasn't

As we allow more people to come together, we need to continue to mitigate the public health risks from COVID-19 by having appropriate control measures in place. This is not just a requirement for businesses. It extends to all Canberrans.

While our community research shows high rates of compliance by Canberrans in continuing COVID-safe behaviours, there is still room for improvement.

We must continue to maintain physical distancing and practice good hygiene measures.

Testing remains the strongest form of surveillance for COVID-19 in our community, so anyone with respiratory symptoms, need to stay at home and get tested at one of the ACT's testing sites.

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More information at [covid19.act.gov.au](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au)



Stay 1.5m apart



Maintain good hand hygiene



Stay home if you are unwell



Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19

