



Updated Public Health Order

6 May 2021

The following advice has been provided by The Association of Independent Schools of NSW:

Key Changes

As reported in the media there has been a new case of community transmission within the last 24 hours. NSW Health are working to identify the source of the transmission.

The following precautionary restrictions are in-place for the Greater Sydney region (including Wollongong, Central Coast and Blue Mountains) from midday today, 6 May until 12:01am on Monday 10 May 2021:

- Students over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the [Public Health \(COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings\) Order 2021](#) when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services. This also applies to all public indoor venues such as retail, theatres, hospitals, aged care facilities and for front-of-house hospitality staff (except in a hospitality venue when eating or drinking). Refer to the [NSW Government website](#) for more information on wearing face masks.
- Staff and students are not required to wear a face mask while at school. Anyone who wishes to wear their own masks in schools will not be prevented from doing so.
- Wearing a face mask is not mandatory for parents and carers visiting schools.
- Events and gatherings on school sites, such as Mother's Day events and other performances, productions, concerts, speech nights and award presentations are permitted. All attendees, including students, staff and visitors, including parents and carers, must be well and free of any flu-like symptoms. A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if the event is held indoors with more than 100 external visitors or held outdoors with more than 200 external visitors.
- Singing by audiences is to be avoided. If students are performing in a choir, schools should ensure there is a minimum of 5 metres between the choir and audience members.
- Singing is not permitted during religious services.



A reminder for all schools

It is important that schools continue to follow the COVID-19 Guidelines, including:

- Staff and students should not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.
- Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms are strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received. Location of testing clinics are available via the [NSW government website](#).
- All staff should monitor the [NSW government website](#) for locations where there may have been exposure to COVID-19 and adhere to the advice as appropriate.
- Schools must be vigilant in implementing:
 - Personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices at these events.
 - Where possible to use outdoor areas weather permitting or large open spaces to enable adequate physical distancing.
 - All visitors to a school site must be well and symptom free, comply with sign-in arrangements, and the 1.5m physical distancing requirements.
- Staff and visitors to schools and offices should maintain 1.5m distance from other people where practicable. Avoid congestion of groups of visitors in specific areas where possible.
- All visitors to a school site must comply with sign-in arrangements. This includes the requirement to sign-in or use the QR code and acknowledge that they will comply with the COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers each time they visit.