

> HELPING BUSINESS GET BACK TO WORK



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COVID-19 Safety Plan

Places of worship

We've developed this COVID-19 Safety Plan to help you create and maintain a safe environment for you, your workers and your congregants.

Complete this plan in consultation with your workers, then share it with them. This will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and reassure your congregants that they can safely visit your business. You may need to update the plan in the future, as restrictions and advice changes – you can make changes to the plan if you've printed or saved it, or you can choose to download and create a new version of the plan.

Businesses must follow the current COVID-19 Public Health Orders, and also manage risks to staff and other people in accordance with Work Health and Safety laws. For more information and specific advice for your industry go to nsw.gov.au

BUSINESS DETAILS
Business name:
Plan completed by:
Approved by:

> REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Requirements for your workplace and the actions you will put in place to keep your congregants and workers safe

REQUIREMENTS	ACTIONS
Wellbeing of staff and congregants	
Exclude staff and congregants who are unwell from the premises.	
Provide staff with information and training on COVID-19, including when to get tested, physical distancing and cleaning.	
Make staff aware of their leave entitlements if they are sick or required to self-isolate.	
Display conditions of entry (website, social media, venue entry).	

Wellbeing of staff and congregants

Consider offering online services or alternative arrangements for people in high-risk categories (e.g. over 70 years).

Ensure COVID-19 Safety Plans are in place, where relevant, for:

- Community centres and halls (if hiring out premises)
- Restaurants and cafes.

REQUIREMENTS

ACTIONS

Physical distancing

Capacity must not exceed 50 visitors for a religious service, 20 guests for a wedding service (excluding the couple, the people involved in conducting the service and the photographer and the videographer), or 50 visitors for private worship, to a maximum of one person per 4 square metres, whichever is the lesser. Note from 1 July there will be further easing of these restrictions.

The maximum number of people permitted for a funeral or memorial service, or gathering immediately after a funeral service or memorial service, will be determined by allowing 4 square metres of space per person. If a place of worship is prevented from having more than 50 people as a result of the 4 square metre rule, they can have up to 50 people if reasonable steps are taken to ensure 1.5 metres distance is maintained (excluding people in the same household).

Use signage to communicate the maximum safe capacity.

Move or remove tables and seating as required.

Reduce crowding wherever possible and promote physical distancing.

Where reasonably practical, ensure staff maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing at all times (including at meal breaks.)

Use telephone or video for essential meetings where practical.

Review regular deliveries and request contactless delivery and invoicing where practical.

Have strategies in place to manage gatherings that may occur immediately outside the premises.

Physical distancing

Coordinate with public transport, where reasonably practical, around strategies to minimise COVID-19 risks associated with transportation to and from the venue.

Take measures to ensure drivers of courtesy vehicles minimise close contact with passengers.

Avoid group singing or chanting and wind instruments (such as flute, oboe or clarinet). Solo singers should maintain at least 3 metres physical distance from other people.

REQUIREMENTS

ACTIONS

Hygiene and cleaning

Adopt good hand hygiene practices.

Ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels.

Consider modifying religious rites or rituals to avoid direct contact where practical. Where this is not practical, ensure hands are washed before and after each interaction with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Avoid sharing books, drinking cups or other shared objects used during the service such as collection plates. Also consider putting barriers around frequently touched objects of worship, such as shrines, relics or fonts, to prevent people frequently touching these.

Clean frequently used areas (including children's play areas) at least daily with detergent or disinfectant. Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces several times per day.

Disinfectant solutions need to be maintained at an appropriate strength and used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

Staff are to wear gloves when cleaning and wash hands thoroughly before and after with soap and water.

REQUIREMENTS**ACTIONS****Record keeping**

Keep a record of name and a mobile number or email address for all staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors for a period of at least 28 days. Ensure records are used only for the purposes of tracing COVID-19 infections and are stored confidentially and securely.

Make your staff aware of the COVIDSafe app and its benefits to support contact tracing if required.