



NEW SOUTH WALES

24 June 2021

CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S MEMORANDUM NO. 18 COVID-19

This Memorandum applies to the following Local Courts in addition to memorandum 17:

Albion Park	Hornsby	Penrith	Waverley
Bankstown	Katoomba	Picton	Windsor
Blacktown	Liverpool	Port Kembla	Wollongong
Burwood	Manly	Sutherland	Wyong
Campbelltown	Mount Druitt	Sydney, Central	
Fairfield	Newtown	Sydney, Downing	
Gosford	Parramatta	Centre	

In the event of any inconsistency this memo prevails in the above locations.

Memorandum 17 continues to apply to all other Local Courts in New South Wales.

Masks

Masks are now required in the above courts.

Please note the public health order does allow for the following exceptions (amongst others):

- A person may remove a fitted face covering in the following circumstance, the person is at work and the nature of the person's work means clear enunciation or visibility of the person's mouth is essential.
- A person working alone in an indoor area like an office (or chambers) a mask is not required, until another person enters the area.

Any applicable exceptions are to be managed by the presiding magistrate.

Travel

Travel restrictions apply to 7 LGA (Local Government Area) zones. The seven declared regions are:

- City of Sydney
- Waverley
- Woollahra
- Bayside
- Canada Bay
- Inner West

- Randwick

If you **live or work** in the above local government areas only, you cannot travel outside metropolitan Sydney for **non-essential travel**.

A court sitting is regarded as essential and travel is permitted for this purpose, which includes on circuit.

In the event of travel restrictions or the increased risk of infection, nothing in the memorandum prevents an application by a party or legal representative, for consideration of an appearance by audio or audio visual link. However any request will be subject the availability of such technology and suitability of the proceedings being dealt with in this manner.

NOTE: Nothing in the arrangements set out below prevents a physical appearance before the court, except by a defendant in custody.


Judge Graeme Henson AM
Chief Magistrate

