

# Appendix three – Public Health Orders

## Exhibit 9: Public Health Orders timeline

Public Health Order	Date	Direction of the minister
Public Health (COVID-19 Public Events Order 2020)	15 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restriction on public events of over 500 persons, excluding courts, educational institutions, transport services and workplaces.</li> </ul>
Public Health (COVID-19 Mass Gatherings) Order 2020	18 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restriction on allowing, organising and attending mass gatherings of over 100 persons for indoor venues or over 500 for outdoor venues, excluding transport, hospitals and health care facilities, emergency services, justice facilities, supermarkets and retail stores, educational institutions, offices and other workplaces, hotels and accommodation.</li> </ul>
Public Health (COVID-19 Gatherings) Order 2020	21 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restriction on allowing, organising, attending mass gathering on premises in NSW unless there is four square metres of space for each person on the premises, excluding transport, hospitals and health care facilities, emergency services, justice facilities, supermarkets and retail stores, educational institutions, offices and other workplaces, hotels and accommodation.</li> </ul>
Public Health (COVID-19 Places of Social Gathering) Order 2020	23 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closure of pubs and clubs (except for selling takeaway food), food and drink premises, entertainment facilities, amusement centres, casinos, microbreweries or small distilleries, indoor recreation facilities, places of public worship.</li> </ul>
Public Health (COVID-19 Gatherings) Order (No 2) 2020	25 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrictions on allowing, organising or attending a mass gathering unless the size of the premises is sufficient to ensure there is four square metres for each person.</li> <li>Closure of pubs and clubs, food and drink premises, entertainment facilities, amusement centres, casinos, microbreweries or small distilleries, indoor recreation facilities, places of worship, beauty salons, hairdressers, auction houses, markets, information/education facilities, caravan parks/camping grounds, community facilities.</li> </ul>
Public Health (COVID-19 Gatherings) Order (No 3) 2020	27 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Until 23 June 2020:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>restrictions on allowing, organising or attending a mass gathering unless the size of the premises is sufficient to ensure there is four square metres for each person. Also introduced limited exceptions for 'essential gatherings'</li> <li>closure of pubs and clubs, food and drink premises, entertainment facilities, amusement centres, casinos, microbreweries or small distilleries, indoor recreation facilities, places of worship, beauty salons, hairdressers, auction houses, markets, information/education facilities, caravan parks/camping grounds, community facilities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Public Health Order	Date	Direction of the minister
Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020	30 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrictions on movement without a reasonable excuse.</li> <li>Restrictions on gathering of over two persons.</li> <li>Closure of pubs and clubs, food and drink premises, entertainment facilities, amusement centres, casinos, microbreweries or small distilleries, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, places of worship, beauty salons, hairdressers, auction houses, markets, information/education facilities, caravan parks/camping grounds, community facilities.</li> </ul>
Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 2) 2020	14 May 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employers must allow employees to work at home where reasonably practicable.</li> <li>Restrictions on gatherings of over five people at a primary residence, and over ten people in a public place.</li> <li>Continued closure of pubs and clubs, food and drink premises, entertainment facilities, amusement centres, casinos, microbreweries or small distilleries, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, places of worship, beauty salons, hairdressers, auction houses, markets, information/education facilities, caravan parks/camping grounds, community facilities.</li> </ul>
Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 3) 2020	1 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revocation of the previous Public Health Order.</li> <li>Specified limitations on numbers of persons allowed on certain premises (including recreational facilities, camping grounds, casinos, food and drink premises, pubs and clubs, community centres, accommodation, beauty salons, retail stores) as part of an individual group of more than ten persons, applying the four square metre rule.</li> <li>Restrictions on gatherings of over five persons at a primary residence and ten persons at a public gathering.</li> <li>Restrictions on gatherings of over 500 persons at a non-residential outdoor place, or 100 persons at a non-residential indoor place, applying the four square metre rule.</li> <li>Continued work from home requirements, and closure of amusement centres, entertainment facilities, indoor recreational facilities.</li> </ul>
Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Amendment Order (No 3) 2020	12 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendments to the above order No 3 of 2020, including increasing the gathering limits at residential premises and public gatherings to 20 persons.</li> </ul>

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Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 4) 2020	1 July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupiers of previously closed industries including amusement centres, aquariums, auction houses, beauty salons, caravan parks/camping grounds, food and drink premises, education facilities, pubs and clubs, indoor and outdoor recreation, community facilities must develop and comply with a COVID safety plan that addressed the COVID safety checklist developed by the Chief Health Officer.</li> <li>• Restrictions on gatherings at residential premises and in public restricted to 20 visitors.</li> <li>• Gatherings at residential premises and in public restricted to 20 visitors.</li> </ul>

Source: Audit Office, 2021 from NSW Legislation.