



From Monday, 8 November 2021 the Supreme Court of New South Wales will ease restrictions as follows:

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- 2 sqm rule applies
- three live hearings per floor
- civil matters only, including appeals
- criminal appeals
- motions can be conducted in person with 20 min gaps between each matter
- multiple parties allowed
- each party will be allowed
 - three legal representatives
 - a client representative
 - witnesses
- media to notify the Media Manager of their intention to attend in person
- no members of the public to attend in person, only by AVL or telephone.

From early December (subject to review)

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- no limit to the number of legal representatives allowed to attend, subject to courtroom capacity limits. Double vaccination applies to all those attending
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Vaccination Status

All persons attending in person to be double vaccinated. The onus will be on the solicitors for the parties to make enquiries of all their participants and confirm their vaccination status to the court. Evidence of double vaccination is a condition of entry to any building where the Supreme Court is located. Failure to provide evidence of vaccination will result in entry to the building being refused.

Masks

Masks to be worn by everyone in the courtroom with the exception of the judge and those speaking. This will be reviewed at the end of November.

The Court will review the above as and when changes to the COVID-19 rules are announced by the NSW Government.

A protocol for the resumption of jury trials is in the process of finalisation and will be circulated as soon as it is completed.

The registry public counter remains closed. Details regarding online filing and online registry services can be found on the Supreme Court website.



The Hon T F Bathurst AC
Chief Justice

4 November 2021