

COVID-19 update, 12 February 2021

Fitted face coverings (masks)

In view of the further easing of some mandatory requirements to wear masks, the Court has adopted the following policy:

You are not required to wear a mask when attending Court or the public registry. The Court continues to recommend the use of masks. The Court has no objection to a person wearing a mask in Court, if they wish to do so, subject to any order or direction from the presiding judge.

Physical distancing - courtrooms

Signs on the entry to each Supreme Court courtroom note the number of people permitted in each courtroom. This complies with the prevailing public health order concerning gatherings and movement and allows for 1.5m spacing between individuals within the courtroom.

Physical distancing – capacity – other spaces

Other spaces within the Court buildings, such as meeting rooms and waiting areas, will be assessed and the signs updated to reflect the prevailing public health order concerning gatherings and movement and the need to maintain 1.5m spacing between individuals.

Physical distancing – lifts

The lift capacity for the public lifts at the Law Courts building, Queens Square, will increase from two people to four. Lifts at other locations will be re-assessed and signs within the lift will be updated, where necessary, to clearly indicate the lift capacity.

QR codes

The Court has placed a QR code on each floor. The codes are prominently displayed as a person exits the public lift and other locations on each floor. The public and legal practitioners are required to 'check-in'. Contactless check-in codes are also available at Hospital Road, King Street and Darlinghurst.