

COVID-19 update, 29 January 2021

Fitted face coverings (masks)

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

- 1) You **are not** required to wear a mask where you are participating in proceedings before the Court or a party to proceedings, this includes legal practitioners and self-represented litigants, witness, jurors and accused persons in criminal trials. However, there is no objection to you wearing a mask in Court if you so wish, subject to any order or direction from the presiding judge.
- 2) You **are not** required to wear a mask when attending the Court public registry. However, there is no objection to you wearing a mask, should you wish to do so.
- 3) You **are** required to wear a mask (except if one of the Public Health exemptions apply) if you are attending Court but have no direct interest, as outlined above, in the matter you are observing.

Physical distancing

Signs on the entry to each Supreme Court courtroom note the number of people permitted in each courtroom. This complies with the one person per 4m² principle and the 1.5m spacing requirement.

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.