



## **Ending of Supreme Court Covid-19 Protocols**

The Court's current Covid-19 protocols, for civil and criminal matters, will cease to operate from 1 October 2022.

Consistent with the latest health advice, masks are therefore no longer required to be worn in public areas, including courtrooms unless you are a household or close contact of someone that has tested positive to Covid-19. The Court continues to encourage mask wearing in crowded places, noting they do provide an extra layer of protection against Covid-19 and the flu. Anyone that wishes to wear a mask in the Court's precincts or in court rooms may continue to do so.

From 1 October 2022, there will no longer be any requirement to provide proof of vaccination to enter the Supreme Court. The Court encourages everyone to stay up to date with their vaccinations and boosters.

The Court's audio-visual links (video and telephone) will continue to operate and remain available for use as appropriate as determined by the list, trial or duty judge and registrars. The use of AVL will be encouraged where it is in the interest of justice to do so, including where it will have the effect of minimising disproportionate cost to parties.

The Court is grateful to the legal profession, litigants, media and members of the public for their adherence to the various protocols which have operated since March 2020.

**The Honourable A. S. Bell**  
Chief Justice of New South Wales  
Supreme Court of New South Wales

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