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The ACT is in lockdown

Only leave your home for essential reasons. [Find out more.](#)

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Canberrans are being asked to stay at home to assist in our response to positive cases of COVID-19 in the ACT.

The lockdown restrictions came into effect from 5:00pm Thursday 12 August 2021 and are in effect until 5:00pm Thursday 2 September 2021.

These restrictions are to help slow the spread of the virus and allow contact tracers to do their work.

The restrictions will also ensure that we don't put additional pressure on our health services.

The six essential reasons you can leave your home during this lockdown are:

- to buy essential groceries and medicine
- to access essential healthcare including in-home care
- for essential work
- to exercise outdoors for one hour per day in your region

- to get a COVID-19 test
- to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

You can view more details on the [reasons you can leave home](#) here.

Essential retail will remain open for the duration of the lockdown. We encourage all Canberrans to buy only what they need, maintain social distancing and be considerate.

Anyone aged 12 years and over must wear a mask at all times upon leaving home. For some people this is not possible. For full details on [face masks and exemptions](#) here.

You should stay up to date on the evolving situation on this website.

Stay at home

During the lockdown period we ask all Canberrans to stay at home and leave only for essential reasons detailed below.

This is because some people who have COVID-19 may be infectious before they develop symptoms, and a small number of people with COVID-19 may not show any symptoms at all.

This means that people with COVID-19 may be able to spread the disease to others, without knowing they are unwell.

Stay at home requirements are less strict than quarantine because the risk of exposure to COVID-19 is not as high as for people who are identified as contacts of a confirmed case or from a COVID affected area. It is an important measure to protect the community.

Testing

It is more important than ever that we maximise our COVID-19 testing in the ACT.

Contact tracing is finding [exposure locations in the ACT](#) and they will be updated regularly.

If you are identified as a close or casual contact by ACT Health or are experiencing even the mildest of symptoms you should get tested for COVID-19.

Details of COVID-19 testing clinics in the ACT are available on the [symptoms and getting tested page](#).

Please be patient at the clinics as demand for testing increases.

If you do need to go out, you will need to wear a face mask at all times if you are aged 12 years and over.

If you are getting tested, you must go directly to the testing centre and directly back to your residence.

You should use your own private transport to get to the testing centre, if possible. If this is not possible and you need to use public transport, rideshare or taxi, you must wear a mask, avoid direct contact with other people (including other passengers, drivers and transport staff), cough/sneeze into your elbow, and wash your hands before and after you travel.

Business support

Find out more about the [economic support for business](#).

Business and community restrictions

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Social Gatherings, Leaving Home and Visitors	Stay at home unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To undertake essential work or study, if they cannot work or study from home or remotely.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Employers must allow an employee to work from home if it is reasonably practicable to do so.• To access childcare or school including schools, early childhood education and care and out of school hours care, to the extent that care cannot

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	<p>reasonably be obtained in the person's residence (ie. parents or carers who cannot work from home).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To shop for essentials like groceries, medicine, and supplies that are essential for personal needs or for vulnerable people within your region. Individuals should not cross the ACT/NSW border to shop unless food, goods or services are not reasonably available locally. • To attend to medical or health care needs including compassionate requirements and looking after the vulnerable. • To visit a terminally ill relative. • To attend a facility to obtain a COVID-19 test. • To attend a facility to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, where the individual is eligible for a vaccination in the ACT, an appointment has been booked, and the individual is not in isolation or in quarantine. • To exercise outdoors limited to one hour per day, with one other person (excluding any dependent children), or more than two people only if all from the same household. Individuals should remain within their regions (eg, Belconnen, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong) and minimise travel wherever possible. • For essential animal welfare purposes (e.g. to feed pets or livestock that live elsewhere where there is no-one on site to feed them). • To access care services for people with particular needs because of homelessness, family violence, age, infirmity, disability, illness or a chronic health condition or other essential support services. • Continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children (child access). • To attend a facility to donate blood. • Attend a funeral or a wedding (in accordance with conditions for funerals and weddings). • To provide assistance, care or support to another person who is not ordinarily a member of the same household. • To return to your principal place of residence. • Move to a new place of residence or between different places of residence (either within the ACT or in another jurisdiction).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Note: If leaving the ACT you must ensure you comply with another jurisdiction's travel requirements prior to entering. • Fulfill or undertake any legal obligations (eg to attend any court or tribunal of Australia). • To assist with or participate in an investigation or other action by a law enforcement authority, whether voluntarily or not. • To comply with or give effect to the exercise of a power or function of a government agency or entity under a law. • To access another essential service as permitted by the Public Health Direction (eg essential and time critical consular and diplomatic services). • For law enforcement or emergency purposes.
	<p>Leaving Home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who leaves their home for a permitted purpose may be accompanied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ no more than two members of their household; or ◦ no more than 1 person who is not a member of their household. • You can leave your home if you are experiencing domestic and family violence. <u>Services to help</u> are open during lockdown. • A person can be accompanied by more than one person if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ the person requires physical assistance to leave their residence, or it is reasonably necessary for the safety of the person or the public ◦ the other person is a carer or support worker for the person; ◦ there is no other reasonable way for the approved reason to be achieved.
	<p><u>Face Coverings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be carried at all times. • All individuals aged 12 years and over must wear a face mask at all times upon leaving home, including in workplaces.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only children in years 7 to 12 are required to wear a face mask while at school. ● A person is not required to wear a face mask if they have a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, which makes wearing a face mask detrimental to their condition. ● A person may remove their face mask in the following situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ when consuming food, drink or medicine. ○ when communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication. ○ when at work and the nature of the work means that wearing a face mask creates a risk to health and safety. ○ If asked to remove a face mask to ascertain identity (eg if asked by a police officer). ○ When undertaking vigorous exercise outdoors. ○ When performing essential work in an outdoor space where no other people are present. ○ If a person is alone or only with members of the same household in an outdoor space when no other people are present. ○ When performing essential work in an indoor space, but only when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ in an office where no other people are present; OR ■ when sitting or standing at a workstation, and 1.5 metres away from any other person. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">As soon as a person is no longer alone or is moving, they must wear a face mask.</p> ○ If they are in the process of getting married. ○ If alone in a vehicle or with other members of the same household only. ○ Because of an emergency. <p>Note: A face covering means a mask or other covering that fits securely around the face and covers the nose and mouth to provide the wearer with protection against infection. A scarf or bandana is not a face mask.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="407 264 805 296">Private Gatherings at Home:</p> <ul data-bbox="407 365 1474 674" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="407 365 1474 499">• No more than two people permitted to visit another household, but only for the approved reasons outlined above under stay at home or for compassionate purposes.<li data-bbox="407 527 922 558">• Intimate partner visits are allowed.<li data-bbox="407 590 1474 674">• People who live alone can identify one other household that they can visit or receive visits from. <p data-bbox="407 789 716 821">Public Gatherings:</p> <ul data-bbox="407 852 1474 1209" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="407 852 1474 936">• Outdoors - Not permitted. Two people for exercise, or more than two people only if all from the same household.<li data-bbox="407 968 1425 1052">• Organised Gatherings – Not permitted, regardless of whether indoors or outdoors.<li data-bbox="407 1083 1450 1209">• Mass Gatherings and Events – Not permitted. Any event that has been previously planned during the lockdown period will not be permitted to go ahead. <p data-bbox="407 1325 488 1356">Work:</p> <ul data-bbox="407 1430 1463 1566" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="407 1430 1187 1461">• If you can work from home, you must work from home.<li data-bbox="407 1493 1463 1566">• Essential Workers and workplaces are defined under the essential providers list.

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Education and Childcare	<p>Early childhood education and care (eg childcare, family day care, early learning centres) and out of school hours care (eg vacation care, before and after school care):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted to remain open for staff, vulnerable children and the children whose parents or carers cannot work from home.
	<p>Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools open for school-based staff, vulnerable children and the children whose parents or carers cannot work from home. For essential activities that must be undertaken under supervision (eg Year 12 critical examinations).
	<p>Higher Education and Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed. Remote learning only.
	<p>Apprentices and Trainees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted to undertake essential work in line with lockdown restrictions only. The employer must maintain adequate training and supervision arrangements in the workplace. Formal training should be delivered online or deferred.
Public Transport	<p>Buses and Light Rail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating.

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	<p data-bbox="407 264 951 296">Taxis, Hire Car and Ride Share Services</p> <ul data-bbox="407 369 597 401" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="407 369 597 401">• Operating.
<p data-bbox="126 516 342 646">Hospitality and Licensed Venues</p>	<p data-bbox="407 516 906 548">Cafes, Restaurants and Food Courts</p> <ul data-bbox="407 621 1490 873" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="407 621 997 653">• Closed except for takeaway and delivery. <li data-bbox="407 684 1490 810">• A café at a hospital, residential aged care facility, correctional centre, or one that provides food or drink to those experiencing homelessness are permitted to remain open. <li data-bbox="407 842 1081 873">• School canteens are permitted to remain open.
	<p data-bbox="407 991 867 1022">Licensed Venues and Night Clubs</p> <ul data-bbox="407 1096 1198 1190" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="407 1096 824 1127">• Closed except for takeaway. <li data-bbox="407 1159 1198 1190">• Nightclubs closed, but can trade as an off licence venue.
<p data-bbox="126 1306 212 1337">Retail</p>	<p data-bbox="407 1306 850 1337">Advice to Business and Patrons:</p> <ul data-bbox="407 1411 1500 1841" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="407 1411 1105 1442">• The businesses outlined below can remain open. <li data-bbox="407 1474 1435 1558">• Essential Retail/Businesses should provide click and collect arrangements wherever possible. <li data-bbox="407 1589 1500 1715">• Essential Retail/Businesses must take reasonable steps to ensure that patrons entering the business are entering for an essential purpose and are minimising their time in the business. <li data-bbox="407 1747 1328 1778">• Shoppers must buy what they need and then leave – no browsing. <li data-bbox="407 1810 1166 1841">• Density of one person per four square metres applies. <p data-bbox="407 1904 760 1936">Essential Retail/Business</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a business whose predominant purpose is a supermarket, grocery store, bakery, butcher, fruit and vegetable store or fishmonger. • an indoor or outdoor market, but only where its predominant purpose is to sell or supply groceries or fresh food. • a bottleshop. • a bank or financial institution. • a post office. • a newsagent. • a pharmacy. • a petrol station (including a petrol station that sells groceries). • vehicle and mechanical repair services. • hardware, building supplies. • agricultural and rural supplies. • laundry and dry cleaners. • a pet store. • a locksmith. • a business that predominantly sells essential office supplies. • shops that predominately carry out repairs of mobile phones. • shopping precincts (but only for essential retail purposes).
	<p>Other Retail (General Retail)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed. • Click and Collect for non-essential retail is not permitted under the <u>Public Health Direction</u> currently in force in the ACT.

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Places of Worship	<p>Religious gatherings and ceremonies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No in person gatherings permitted. • Live Streaming or broadcast or a service is permitted, with only the person(s) conducting the service, camera operator(s) and a translator permitted.
Funerals	<p>Funerals (indoor and outdoor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 10 people (excludes persons necessary to conduct the funeral).
Weddings	<p>Weddings (indoor and outdoor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 5 attendees (including the two persons being married, celebrant and two witnesses).
Fitness and Sport	<p>Gyms, Health Clubs, Fitness Centres or Wellness Centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed.
	<p>Personal Training/Bootcamps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted, regardless of whether the activity is being undertaken indoors or outdoors.

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	<p>Community Sport and Organised Sporting Activities (including Training Activities) and Shared Community Sports Facilities (including sportsgrounds)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted, regardless of whether indoors or outdoors. • Training not permitted.
	<p>Swimming Pools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed, except for hydrotherapy pools.
	<p>Venues hosting professional sporting competitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open, with essential staff attending to ensure the safe running of the event. • No spectators.
	<p>Dance Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed.
<p>Outdoor physical recreation and campgrounds</p>	<p>Campgrounds, Caravan Parks and Camp Sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed.
	<p>Outdoor playgrounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed.

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	<p>Nature Reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to the public. • Essential staff may continue to attend work. <p><u>Further information about ACT parks and reserves</u></p>
Community Facilities	<p>Community Centre, Facility or Youth Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed, unless hosting essential public support services.
	<p>Libraries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed.
Play Centres, Arcades or Amusement centres	<p>Indoor or Outdoor Play Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed.
	<p>Indoor or Outdoor Arcades or Amusement Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed.
Cultural Facilities, Attractions and Cultural Activities	<p>Galleries, Museums, National Cultural Institutions and Historic Sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to the public. • Essential staff may continue to attend work.

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	<p data-bbox="407 264 1003 296">Outdoor Attractions (Zoos and Attractions)</p> <ul data-bbox="423 369 1040 464" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 369 558 401">• Closed. <li data-bbox="423 432 1040 464">• Essential staff may continue to attend work. <p data-bbox="407 579 821 611">Choirs, Bands and Orchestras</p> <ul data-bbox="423 684 656 716" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 684 656 716">• Not permitted.
<p data-bbox="126 831 310 1062">Performance Venues, Conference Venues and Cinemas</p>	<p data-bbox="407 831 532 863">Theatres</p> <ul data-bbox="423 936 1484 1010" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 936 1484 1010">• Closed. Any event that has been previously organised will not be permitted to go ahead. <p data-bbox="407 1136 1143 1167">Concert Venues, Auditoriums and Performance Halls</p> <ul data-bbox="423 1241 1484 1314" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 1241 1484 1314">• Closed. Any event that has been previously organised will not be permitted to go ahead. <p data-bbox="407 1440 846 1472">Dance, Music and Concert Halls</p> <ul data-bbox="423 1545 558 1577" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 1545 558 1577">• Closed. <p data-bbox="407 1692 1317 1724">Cinemas and Movie Theatres (including open air drive in cinemas)</p> <ul data-bbox="423 1797 558 1829" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 1797 558 1829">• Closed.

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	<p data-bbox="407 264 902 296">Conference and Convention Venues</p> <ul data-bbox="423 365 1484 449" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 365 1484 449">• Closed. Any event that has been previously organised will not be permitted to go ahead.
<p data-bbox="126 564 318 743">Hairdressing, beauty and personal services</p>	<p data-bbox="407 564 764 596">Hairdressing and Barbers</p> <ul data-bbox="423 665 558 697" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 665 558 697">• Closed.
	<p data-bbox="407 816 1495 900">Beauty Therapy, Day Spas, Nail Salons, Waxing Salons, Tanning Salons, Steam Rooms and Spas, Massage Parlours</p> <ul data-bbox="423 970 1490 1159" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 970 558 1001">• Closed. <li data-bbox="423 1031 1490 1159">• Remedial massage services, undertaken by qualified therapists and where the therapy is part of the care plan, are regarded as Allied Health Services which can remain open.
	<p data-bbox="407 1283 1057 1314">Tattoo Parlours and Body Modification Studios</p> <ul data-bbox="423 1383 558 1415" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 1383 558 1415">• Closed.
	<p data-bbox="407 1535 932 1566">Strip Clubs, Brothels, Escort Agencies</p> <ul data-bbox="423 1635 558 1667" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="423 1635 558 1667">• Closed.

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Gaming and gambling venues	<p data-bbox="407 264 1170 300">Casinos, Clubs, Gambling Venues and Betting Agencies</p> <ul data-bbox="407 365 1154 464" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="407 365 558 401">• Closed. <li data-bbox="407 428 1154 464">• Venues with hospitality facilities can offer take away.
Real Estate Services and Auction Houses	<p data-bbox="407 579 675 615">House Inspections:</p> <ul data-bbox="407 680 1386 716" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="407 680 1386 716">• In person inspections not permitted. Online inspections are permitted
	<p data-bbox="407 831 532 867">Auctions</p> <ul data-bbox="407 932 971 968" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="407 932 971 968">• Closed. Online auctions are permitted.
	<p data-bbox="407 1083 626 1119">Auction Houses</p> <ul data-bbox="407 1184 550 1220" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="407 1184 550 1220">• Closed

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Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new ‘recreational’ bookings to be taken during the defined lockdown period. Bookings may be accepted for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ a person avoiding or escaping an emergency ◦ a person who is an essential worker ◦ a person requiring any other form of emergency accommodation • Individuals staying in temporary accommodation in the ACT, including short term or holiday accommodation, may stay at the accommodation until the booking expires and may extend their booking to remain in place, should the accommodation provider remain open. When bookings expire, travellers may leave the accommodation to return to their place of residence, or other accommodation. Whilst staying in the ACT, travellers must comply with all public health directions.
Tours and transport	<p>Tourism related facilities and activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed
	<p>Tour transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed
Residential Aged Care Facilities	<p>Visitor Restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end of life or other compassionate reasons, as approved by the Facility. • Essential workers permitted on premises. • Non-essential contractors are not permitted to enter.

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Hospital Visitors	Visitor Restrictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="423 369 1463 499">• No visitors permitted into health care settings, except for end of life reasons, as a support partner for birth, a parent to accompany a child, or compassionate reasons, as approved by the Facility.<li data-bbox="423 527 1133 562">• Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry. <p data-bbox="407 632 1442 709">For further information about ACT Health Facilities, please visit the ACT Health website.</p>
Consular and Diplomatic Services	Service Restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="423 932 1162 968">• Only essential and time critical services to be offered.

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Construction Sector - information for industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During lockdown only essential services, including urgent repair and maintenance services, for example plumbing, electrical and heating repair, can occur. • All other construction projects, including residential developments, home renovations and non-urgent home maintenance <u>services</u> (such as gardening or painting) are expected to stop during the seven day 'lock-down.' • A very limited number of ACT Government projects relating to the ACT Government's COVID-19 response may continue, subject to restrictions. • Construction sites must be made safe and secure during the lock-down. This means activities may need to continue over the next 24 hours. • Only works necessary to shut-down and make safe a site should occur in this period. • This may include, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Works to ensure emergency access to property is possible. ◦ Concrete stressing works following concrete poured immediately prior to the lock-down. • It is acknowledged that minimal site attendance will be required during the lock-down to ensure the closed site remains safe and secure. <p><u>Guidance for the ACT Construction Sector</u></p> <p><i>Please note this applies to industry. Community members can continue to do their own home maintenance projects while adhering to the public health directions.</i></p>

Essential providers include:

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Retail	<p data-bbox="337 268 553 300">Essential Retail</p> <ul data-bbox="350 369 1468 1499" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="350 369 1468 449">• a business whose predominant purpose is a supermarket, grocery store, bakery, butcher, fruit and vegetable store or fishmonger.<li data-bbox="350 478 1468 558">• an indoor or outdoor market, but only where its predominant purpose is to sell or supply groceries or fresh food.<li data-bbox="350 588 561 619">• a bottleshop.<li data-bbox="350 648 784 680">• a bank or financial institution.<li data-bbox="350 709 557 741">• a post office.<li data-bbox="350 770 565 802">• a newsagent.<li data-bbox="350 831 553 863">• a pharmacy.<li data-bbox="350 892 1206 924">• a petrol station (including a petrol station that sells groceries).<li data-bbox="350 953 906 984">• vehicle and mechanical repair services.<li data-bbox="350 1014 764 1045">• hardware, building supplies.<li data-bbox="350 1075 792 1106">• agricultural and rural supplies.<li data-bbox="350 1136 727 1167">• laundry and dry cleaners.<li data-bbox="350 1197 537 1228">• a pet store.<li data-bbox="350 1257 548 1289">• a locksmith.<li data-bbox="350 1318 1187 1350">• a business that predominantly sells essential office supplies.<li data-bbox="350 1379 1198 1411">• shops that predominately carry out repairs of mobile phones.<li data-bbox="350 1440 1159 1472">• shopping precincts (but only for essential retail purposes).

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Hospitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a restaurant, café, pub, bar, whether licensed or unlicensed, but only to the extent that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ it provides takeaway meals or drinks or a meal delivery service; or ◦ it provides food or drink to the homeless • a café at a hospital, residential aged care facility, correctional centre, or one that provides food or drink to those experiencing homelessness. • school canteens.
Services:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • essential government services • crisis support for individuals, children and families • disability support services (whether in home or out of home) • correctional centres, detention places or other places of custody • provision of court or tribunal services (but must take reasonable steps to provide services remotely) • essential and time critical consular and diplomatic services • a veterinary clinic • urgent services necessary for the health and safety of any person or animal • essential child protection activities • a childcare or school, including early childhood education and care and out of school hours care • a primary or secondary school or college • a boarding school • removalist services, for essential removals which cannot be reasonably delayed • services connected with animal health, husbandry or welfare (including RSPCA) • commercial cleaners • urgent repair and maintenance services, including for example plumbing, electrical and heating repair • media and journalist

Essential Workers include:

Workers:

A person who is:

- working for an essential provider or business that is permitted to operate
- critical to, and involved in, the ACT's COVID-19 response
- a fly in fly out worker or a drive in drive out worker who is required for industry or business continuity and maintenance where the service is time-critical, who is responsible for critical maintenance or repair of infrastructure critical to the ACT
- a transport, freight or logistics driver
- employed as flight crew
- a member of the ACT Legislative Assembly or the person on the staff of such a member
- a member of the Commonwealth Parliament, or the person on the staff of such a member
- anyone required to ensure the functioning of the ACT Legislative Assembly or the Commonwealth Parliament
- Federal, State or Local Government worker determined to be essential by the relevant Head of the Government Agency

Workers:

Any person who performs work that is essential for the continued operation of:

- essential health services
- funerary or mortuary services or related activities
- emergency services, including:
 - the State Emergency Services
 - fire fighting services
 - paramedical services
 - ambulance services
 - air ambulance and medical retrieval services
 - police services or protective services officers stationed on border duties or otherwise engaged in policing duties
 - military and defence services deployed for activities in the ACT
 - state security or national security
- a wedding or a funeral
- specialist services at telecommunications stores to support telecommunications as a critical service

Any person who provides or works in the following:

- essential infrastructure and essential services required to maintain or protect the safety, health or welfare of the community or a section of the community (whether provided by a public or private undertaking), includes construction, maintenance and repair of such infrastructure.
- organisations that provide urgent services necessary for the health and safety of any person or animal (for example, food banks, domestic and family violence services, RSPCA).
- urgent repair and maintenance services, including plumbing, electrical and heating repair.
- roadside assistance services.
- domestic and commercial waste and resource recovery services (including collection, treatment and disposal services).
- journalist and media services.

Workers:

- **services related to the administration of justice** (but must take reasonable steps to provide services remotely, and must operate in person only for urgent essential services that are not able to be provided electronically)
- In an office building where the work is necessary for the normal operation of an essential business, activity or undertaking.
 - A person is not allowed to work outside of their residence unless providing an urgent an essential service which cannot be undertaken in their residence.
 - Routine, non urgent legal services do not meet the definition of an essential service.
 - Administrative services provided by an employer to enable its employees to work from home are an essential activity.
- a factory or facility that is not able to be shut down without causing damage or loss to plant and equipment, but only those operations that are necessary to prevent that damage or loss.
- veterinarians and any staff to ensure the safe functioning of a veterinary clinic, including home visits where there is a genuine animal welfare issue.
- public transport, including taxis, rideshare services and other public passenger services.
- air transport, including the operation of airports.
- freight services, including postal and courier services.
- furniture removalists, but only where moves cannot be reasonably delayed.
- essential security services
- a blood bank.
- care services for people with particular needs because of homelessness, age, infirmity, disability, illness or a chronic health condition.
- production and distribution of:
 - food and groceries for sale by a supermarket, butcher, fruit and vegetable store, market or fishmonger (including for sale by operators of such premises at an indoor or outdoor market)
 - liquor for sale at a bottle shop
 - medical and pharmaceutical products.
- primary industries only to the extent necessary to ensure adequate supply of food to, and care of, animals and maintenance of crops.
- a hotel, motel or other accommodation facility to the extent that they provide accommodation services in accordance with approved reasons.

Workers:

- manufacturing, fabrication or assembly of goods and materials necessary for or related to supporting defence or security industries.
- maintenance of essential research activities.
- forestry industry and timber fabricators.
- road repair works.

Essential Health Providers to undertake necessary healthcare services

Providers:

- telehealth or other virtual care options should be considered wherever possible and where clinically appropriate.
- any health services provided in a hospital or in a community health facility, including immunisation and vaccination services.
- emergency and licensed non-emergency patient transport.
- an appointment at an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Health Service.
- any health services provided by a private or public specialist.
- any health services provided by a general practitioner.
- any health services provided by nursing professionals or midwives.
- any health services provided at a hospital radiology service (other than routine screening services).
- any dental services provided to patients with urgent needs, or where failure to provide care in a clinically appropriate timeframe will lead to adverse outcomes.
- the following allied health services:
 - allied health services provided by allied health professionals working as essential workers in hospitals or in residential care facilities providing critical clinical care;

Providers:

- allied health services provided by allied health professionals working in private practice or community services;
- students, medical/nursing/midwifery/allied health on placement providing essential care in hospitals or in residential care facilities;
- chinese medicine practitioners;
- myotherapists;
- remedial massage services, undertaken by qualified therapists and where the therapy is part of the care plan, are regarded as allied health services which can remain open.
- the following mental health services:
 - the hospital emergency or inpatient psychiatric services;
 - allied health professionals providing mental health services in hospital;
 - private consultant psychiatry practice;
 - allied health professionals providing mental health services in community settings.
- procedures to complete:
 - any cycle of IVF treatment that a patient has commenced before the commencement of the public health direction; or
 - any procedure required for the preservation of eggs for future IVF where required health treatment will render eggs non-viable.
- termination of pregnancy.
- drug and alcohol services.
- the conduct of human medical research trials.

Professional sport

Providers:

Providers:

- Professional athletes.
- Individuals who are required to attend a venue to ensure the safe running of a professional-sporting event.
- No spectators permitted into the event venue.

Reporting non compliance

You can report individuals or businesses not following the current restrictions through the [reporting form](#).

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