



Exemption under the Public Health (COVID-19 Temporary Movement and Gathering Restrictions) Order 2021 and the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order (No 3) 2021 under the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)

I, Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research, under clause 25 of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Temporary Movement and Gathering Restrictions) Order 2021* (Temporary Measures Order) and clause 7 of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order (No 3) 2021* (Face Covering Order) hereby grant the following exemptions to those Orders:

1. The occupier of premises that are a place of public worship in Greater Sydney is exempt from clause 14 of the Temporary Measures Order subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Two singers are permitted to sing or chant at a place of public worship.
 - b. The singers, while singing or chanting, must be in a room or designated area of the place of public worship.
 - c. No more than two other persons (e.g. a musician or camera operator) can be in the room or designated area while the singers are singing.
 - d. The occupier of the premises must take reasonable steps to ensure that the singers, when singing, maintain a distance of 3 metres from anyone else on the premises.
2. A singer singing or chanting in accordance with clause 1) of this exemption is exempt from the requirements in the Temporary Measures Order and the Face Covering Order to wear a fitted face covering, only while the singer is singing or chanting.
3. The occupier of premises that are a place of public worship outside of Greater Sydney is exempt from clause 14 of the Temporary Measures Order subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Only an Exempt Person or a member of an Exempt Group is permitted to sing or chant at the place of public worship.
 - b. The occupier of the premises must limit the Exempt Group to five singers at one time during a single service.
 - c. The occupier of the premises must ensure that an Exempt Person or a member of an Exempt Group wears a mask while they are at the place of public worship.
 - d. The occupier of the premises must take reasonable steps to ensure each member of the Exempt Group maintains physical distance of 1.5 metres from a member of the Exempt Group and maintains a distance of 3 metres from the congregation.

In this instrument:

- An *Exempt Person* is an individual who is integral to the conduct of the religious service.
- An *Exempt Group* is a group of up to five singers during a single service.
- *Greater Sydney* means the Greater Sydney Region within the meaning of the Greater Sydney Commission Act 2015, and the local government areas of the Central Coast, the City of Shellharbour and the City of Wollongong.

Note: all other obligations of the Orders continue to apply (in particular, places of public worship in Greater Sydney must be closed to members of the public unless an exception in the Temporary Measures Order applies)

**Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Health and Medical Research**

Dated: 3rd July 2021

12.20 pm