



Exemption to the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021

I, Brad Hazzard, Minister for Health and Medical Research, under clause 7 of the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2020 (NSW) (the **Order**), grant the following exemptions to the Order:

1. The following persons are exempt from the requirement under clause 5(1)(d)¹ to wear a fitted face covering at a place of public worship in Greater Sydney being used for a wedding service:
 - a. The wedding party including the persons being married; and
 - b. The persons necessary for the conduct of, or assisting in the conduct of, the wedding service.

Notes

Under the Order, 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 and Wollongong.

Under the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 7) 2020, places of public worship and religious services on other premises and wedding services are required to develop and comply with a COVID-19 Safety Plan that addresses the matters required by the approved COVID-19 safety checklist set out opposite the premises in column 3 of Schedule 1 as in force for the time being.

Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Health and Medical Research

Dated 8th January 2021

1:20pm

¹ Under clause 5(1)(d), the Minister directs that a person must wear a fitted face covering at all times when the person is in an indoor area in a premises, including places of public worship, being used for religious services in Greater Sydney.