

The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

Friday 20 August 2020

Good afternoon

This information is provided as a service to keep you updated

Major Changes to Covid rules in Greater Sydney and NSW

Very important note for authorised workers who live in hotspot LGAs - see 4 below

1. **Greater Sydney lockdown extended to the end of September.**

NOTE - Shellharbour & Central Coast will be removed from the "Greater Sydney" region from 12.01am Monday 23/8

2. **From 12.01am tomorrow morning (Sat 21/8) - travel to regional NSW will**

require a permit (which will inc Shellharbour & the Central Coast). Service NSW permit applications are NOT YET OPEN, however the Police Commissioner has said authorised workers can travel even if the permit system is inoperable (which it currently is). Police have advised that they will verify claims of work-related travel with the employer.

You will only be able to travel under these circumstances:

* anyone from Greater Sydney who needs to travel more than 50km from Greater Sydney for work purposes

(noting the existing requirement for "authorised workers" from hotspot LGAs to have had a COVID test in the previous seven days - and you must carry proof of the test, but don't have to wait for the result).

* people travelling to a second home outside Greater Sydney. This is now only allowed if you are using the home for work accommodation or if the home requires urgent maintenance and repairs (if so, only one person may travel there)

* people inspecting a potential new residence, but only if they have a genuine intention to relocate as soon as practicable (no investment properties)

* people who are permanently relocating

* For the purposes of this public health order and permit, Greater Sydney will no longer include Shellharbour and the Central Coast. People travelling to Shellharbour and the Central Coast for the above reasons will require a permit to do so.

3. **From 12.01am Monday morning 23/8:**

* For hotspot LGAs, a curfew of 9pm-5am will be enforced. You can only leave home during these times for authorised work or emergency. Anyone moving through a hotspot LGA during these times can expect to be stopped by police and questioned.

* **For all of NSW (but not the ACT) - masks must be worn at all times when outdoors unless exercising.**

Note - for regional NSW this requirement will expire on 28 August unless the lockdown in those areas is extended.

4. **From 12.01am Saturday 28 Aug:**

* Any workers moving **into or out of a hotspot LGA** must have a permit.

* ***Authorised workers who work outside their residential hotspot LGA are only permitted to work if rapid antigen testing is implemented at their work-site or they have had their first vaccination dose by 30 August.***

* ***From 12.01am Monday, 23 August, workers from the Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland and Fairfield LGAs will no longer have to have been tested for COVID-19 in the previous 72 hours to work outside their LGA.***

That is all the information currently available. If you would like to read the Premier's media release click [here](#).

Meantime: maintenance is allowed as long as you are not from one of the lockdown areas

Kind regards and we **will** come out the other side of this soon!

Chris de Jong
President