



COVID-19

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – NSW PARTICIPANTS

RACING NSW ROAD MAP

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Following recent announcements from the NSW Government of further freedoms due to a continuing increase in fully vaccination rates, Racing NSW will implement the following changes to its COVID-19 policies.

JOCKEYS

- Jockey zones have been removed allowing jockeys to ride at any race meeting within NSW.
- All jockeys and apprentices may ride trackwork and barrier trials.
- Apprentice jockeys may resume stable duties.
- Jockeys who are fully vaccinated and ride in the Greater Sydney Area are no longer required to obtain a PCR test but will still be subject to rapid testing at race meetings.
- Jockeys not fully vaccinated that live in Greater Sydney who are attending race meetings in regional NSW will need to continue to obtain a twice weekly PCR test and provide the negative results to the Stewards.
- Jockeys' rooms required to meet one person per 4 square metres density limit, and segregation in separate rooms not required if the jockeys' room complies with the 4 square metre density limits.

FACE MASKS (Essential Personnel)

The wearing of N95 face masks is only mandatory when indoors on a racecourse or licensed premises. (working in stables is not considered to be indoors).

PCR & RAPID COVID-19 TESTING

Fully Vaccinated - All fully vaccinated Essential Personnel who attend **Randwick, Rosehill, Warwick Farm, Kembla Grange and Newcastle racecourses** will no longer be required to undertake a weekly PCR COVID-19 test but must continue to obtain a weekly rapid test in accordance with the schedule set by Racing NSW. Rapid tests are to be conducted at the racecourse **prior to commencing work** at designated testing stations at each racecourse. Testing will commence early morning to ensure there is limited disruption to all Essential Personnel.

Not Fully Vaccinated - All Essential Personnel who are not fully vaccinated that attend **Randwick, Rosehill, Warwick Farm, Kembla Grange and Newcastle racecourses** will be required to continue to undertake a weekly PCR COVID-19 test and must continue to obtain a weekly rapid test in accordance with the schedule set by Racing NSW. Rapid tests are to be conducted at the racecourse **prior to commencing work** at designated testing stations at each racecourse. Testing will commence early morning to ensure there is limited disruption to all Essential Personnel.

REGIONAL TRAVEL – PCR TESTING

Fully Vaccinated - Essential Personnel who reside in Greater Sydney and who are fully vaccinated do not require a PCR COVID-19 test to travel from Greater Sydney to regional race meetings.

Fully Vaccinated – Essential Personnel who reside outside Greater Sydney and who are fully vaccinated do not required a PCR COVID-19 test when returning to their regional base after attending the Greater Sydney Area.

Not Fully Vaccinated - Essential Personnel who reside in Greater Sydney and who are not fully vaccinated must continue to have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result within the last 7 days to travel from Greater Sydney to regional race meetings.

Not Fully Vaccinated – Essential Personnel who reside outside Greater Sydney and who are not fully vaccinated must continue to obtain a negative PCR COVID-19 test prior to attending a racecourse or licensed premises when returning to their regional base after attending the Greater Sydney Area.

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

Racing NSW thanks the vast majority of NSW racing participants that have complied with the NSW Health Orders and Racing NSW COVID-19 policies and protocols that have been implemented to protect the health and safety of NSW thoroughbred racing industry participants and the livelihood of all involved. Racing NSW takes this opportunity to ask participants to remain steadfast with their compliance to the Racing NSW policies and protocols and all NSW Health Orders detail below.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx>

Not Fully Vaccinated – NSW Government restrictions – Essential Personnel throughout NSW who are not fully vaccinated are also reminded that, under the NSW Government Public Health Orders, they are not permitted to:

- Attend a large number of premises including hospitality venues (restaurants, cafes, pubs) other than to collect takeaway, gyms, spas, entertainment facilities (cinemas, theatres, music and concert halls), nightclubs, public swimming pools, hairdressers, tattoo parlours, massage parlours, recreation facilities (indoors), retail premises (other than critical retail premises), auction houses, betting agencies;
- Visit other households or have visitors at their home (this includes not visiting family members who are not household members or having them visit);
- Take a holiday or undertake recreation outside the Local Government Area where they reside;
- Except for the purposes of work, travel in a vehicle with a person other than a household member

RACE MEETINGS AND RACE CLUBS

Crowds are restricted to 1 person per 4 square metres and a maximum to 5000 patrons (unless an exemption has been obtained from NSW Government and with the cap of 5000 patrons removed from 8 November 2021), who must adhere to mandatory mask wearing for indoor spaces and all other NSW Government Public Health Order requirements. Effective 8 November 2021 crowds will be restricted to 1 person per 2 square metres, with no capacity limits.

For large scale race meetings of metropolitan status race clubs will need to ensure all persons, including Essential Personnel, attending are fully vaccinated.

Race clubs are required by Racing NSW to put in place a COVID-19 Safety Plan which includes clear separation between restricted jockeys/official's zones and other attendees at the race meeting. The separation of Essential Personnel (other than jockeys/officials zone) is no longer required.

Fully Vaccinated – Essential Personnel and Owners/Patrons who are fully vaccinated are permitted to interact/socialise with each other on raceday.

Not Fully Vaccinated – Essential Personnel who are not fully vaccinated are not permitted to interact/socialise with Owners/Patrons on raceday

Race clubs are to present their COVID-19 Safety and Operational plans detailing this separation to Racing NSW prior to a race meeting being conducted.

In addition to these restrictions race clubs must continue to.

- Establish clear and precise conditions of entry to the racecourse.
- Monitor entrances to ensure mandatory QR code in on entry by all persons attending the racecourse.
- Sufficient signage to ensure patrons who are symptomatic or who are close or casual contacts do not enter the racecourse.
- Sufficient signage to ensure patrons are aware of the social distancing requirements.
- Installation of hand sanitising stations.
- Employment of cleaners wiping down high traffic areas and touch points.
- Use of separate saddle cloths and strappers bibs for each race as per Racing NSW minimum standards.
- Ensure that all indoor spaces comply with the 1 person per 4 square metre orders and mandatory mask wearing.
- The COVID-19 Safety Plan will clearly establish strategies developed by the race club that ensure social distancing across the venue.

Race clubs are permitted to conduct non-raceday functions and to allow contractors to attend the racecourse on non-racedays without the approval of Racing NSW, subject to a COVID Safety Plan and risk mitigation strategy being prepared by the Club.

INTERSTATE TRAVEL

Victoria

Essential Personnel (jockeys, trainers, stablehands, Officials and Service Providers) who reside in or have been to Victoria must adhere to the following policies prior to attending a NSW racecourse or licensed premises (in addition to any requirements under the NSW Government Public Health Orders), unless exempted by Racing NSW.

- Victorian Places of High Concern or Casual Contact – Any person who has been in a place of high concern or casual contact at the link below, must not attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises until Racing NSW has provided its approval, following that person making contact with Racing NSW Stewards and providing details of such contact. Racing NSW Stewards will provide details of requirements before attending a NSW racecourse or licensed premises.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Documents/interstate-concerns-notice.pdf>

- **Victoria (Fully Vaccinated)** – Any fully vaccinated person who has been in the State of Victoria (other than the NSW/Victorian bubble) and has not been to a place of high concern or casual contact, is only permitted to attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises if they meet the following requirements:
 - Provide Racing NSW Stewards with evidence of the day they arrived in NSW and evidence of registration of travel (if required).
 - Provide Racing NSW Stewards with evidence of vaccination status, showing they have been fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Must not attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises for 72 hours after arriving in NSW and provide Racing NSW Stewards with the negative results of PCR COVID-19 test taken on day 3 of their return.
- **Victoria (Not Fully Vaccinated)** - Any person not fully vaccinated who has been in the State of Victoria (other than the NSW/Victorian bubble) and has not been to a place of high concern or casual contact, is only permitted to attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises if they meet the following requirements:
 - Provide Racing NSW Stewards with evidence of the day they arrived in NSW and evidence of registration of travel (if required).
 - Must not attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises for 14 days and provide Racing NSW Stewards with the negative results of PCR COVID-19 tests taken on day 4 & 14.

Other States

There are currently no restrictions on attending a racecourse or licensed premises from States other than Victoria. However, all persons must abide by NSW Government Public Health Orders when travelling from interstate.

LICENSED PREMISES (STABLES) ACCESS

Fully Vaccinated – There are no restrictions on persons who are fully vaccinated from attending stables or licensed premises. This includes fully vaccinated owners (subject to the permission of the trainer). Trainer must ensure that all persons attending are fully vaccinated.

Not Fully Vaccinated – Other than Essential Personnel, any person who is not fully vaccinated is not permitted to attend stables or licensed premises.

Essential Personnel are defined as

- *Racing NSW Stewards and Veterinarians*
- *Trainers, Jockeys and Stablehands with a runner at the race meeting*
- *Barrier Attendants, Starters and essential Track Staff*
- *Clerks of the Course*
- *Judges and Sectional Timing Teams*
- *Weighing Room Staff and jockeys' attendants*
- *Race day Event Staff and security including horse stalls, mounting yard and float carpark*
- *Club Doctor and Ambulance Services*
- *Farriers and other essential service providers*
- *Broadcast services including Race Caller*
- *Restricted Core Racing Media as approved by Racing NSW and the Race Club*
- *Restricted operational Race Club staff and management*