



## COVID-19 Update for Industry Participants

23 June 2021

### NSW COVID-19 Cases – Update

In response to NSW positive COVID-19 cases, Racing NSW has taken the following steps to minimise the risk of COVID-19 spreading into the NSW Racing Industry.

These updated protocols are to be read in conjunction with previous notices and are in addition to the restrictions imposed by the NSW Government. All racing participants should ensure that they regularly review the NSW Government announcements and adhere to any applicable restrictions – see following link

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

### Summary

- Any person that has been to the venues listed in the link below must follow NSW Health Orders and where applicable, get tested and self-isolate as directed. Further, those persons must not attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises until such time that they provide Racing NSW with a negative COVID-19 test result and approval is given from Racing NSW to resume attendance. All Essential Personnel (officials, jockeys, trainers, stablehands, media and service providers) must report to Racing NSW Stewards if they have been to such locations.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

- Mandatory face masks to be worn by all persons including Essential Personnel and patrons at race meetings and barrier trials conducted in the Greater Sydney Area (which includes the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange)).
- Essential Personnel that live or work in a Local Government Areas (**LGA**) identified by NSW Health as an affected LGA Area (currently City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside and Woollahra) must wear a face mask at all times when in attendance at a racecourse or licensed premises including outside the Greater Sydney Area.
- Maintaining of jockey/official zones on raceday.
- Jockeys rooms and indoor areas a limit of one person per 4 square metres.
- Strong recommendation that Essential Personnel wear face masks when at trackwork in the Greater Sydney Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange).

- Owners prohibited from attending trackwork and licensed premises (trainers stables) in the Greater Sydney Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange).

## **Jockeys**

1. All jockeys must wear face masks during race meetings, trackwork and barrier trials conducted in the Greater Metropolitan Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange), however, may lower the face mask if they wish whilst riding a horse when competing or training.
2. Jockeys rooms to comply with NSW Health requirements of one person per 4 square metres for indoor spaces.
3. Any jockey experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, must not attend the racecourse, contact their local Stewards and get tested.
4. Upon arrival on course, jockeys must not enter the jockey's room until their temperature has been checked and verified within normal parameters. Jockey must sanitize their hands before entering the jockey's room and have a face mask on at all times when in the jockey's room.
5. A jockey experiencing an elevated temperature will be given the opportunity to have a further temperature assessment 15 minutes following the first assessment.
6. Should the rider's temperature remain elevated he or she will not be permitted to enter the jockey's room and shall be required to leave the racecourse. A medical clearance to the satisfaction of Racing NSW will be required before riding again.
7. Once in the jockey's room, wherever possible, jockeys will be required to segregate a minimum of at least 1.5 metres apart and wear a face mask at all times. Jockey's rooms shall be divided into multiple rooms at the direction of the Stewards.
8. Whenever possible, between races jockeys should use hand sanitizers provided by the club. All gear should be cleaned/disinfected between races.
9. Direct contact between other jockeys and persons should be avoided at all costs and maintain social distancing (1.5 metres apart) from all persons.
10. Should any rider feel unwell or experience any of the symptoms of COVID-19 throughout the day, they must advise the Stewards who will obtain medical assistance.
11. Once a jockey has fulfilled their final engagement, they should thoroughly clean/disinfect gear, shower and leave the jockeys room and racecourse immediately.
12. The use of spas on all racecourses is prohibited until further notice.
13. The use of dedicated persons wearing face masks and gloves to 'leg up' jockeys shall continue.

## **Jockeys – Working or Living in an affected LGA Area (currently City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside and Woollahra)**

14. Any jockey that lives or works in an affected LGA Area (currently City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside and Woollahra) must

wear a face mask at all times including when in attendance at a racecourse or licensed premises outside the Greater Sydney Area.

15. Jockeys that live or work in an affected LGA Area (currently City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside and Woollahra) must be placed in a separate jockeys room when in attendance at a race meeting outside the Greater Sydney Area.
16. Jockeys riding in the Greater Sydney Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange) that don't reside or work in these regions must be placed in a separate jockeys' room when in attendance at a race meeting.

### **Race Clubs and Meetings**

1. Mandatory face masks to be worn by all persons, including Essential Personnel and patrons at race meetings and barrier trials conducted in the Greater Sydney Area (which includes the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange)) except when eating or drinking (as set out in the NSW Health Orders).
2. Essential Personnel and Officials must be separated from raceday patrons including owners at race meetings conducted in the Greater Sydney Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange).
3. The operation of jockey and officials' zones from other industry participants will remain in force.
4. Race clubs may continue to allow patrons (including owners) to attend race meetings but must ensure proper separation from Essential Personnel. Race clubs should continue to monitor the NSW Government website at the following link, to ensure compliance with any orders that are in place which currently limited indoor spaces to one person every 4 square metres in the Greater Sydney Area (which includes the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange)).
5. Patrons are required to wear mandatory face masks at race meetings and barrier trials conducted in the Greater Sydney Area (which includes the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange)) except when eating or drinking.

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

### **Trackwork, Barrier Trials and Licensed Premises**

1. Only Essential Personnel and Officials are permitted to attend trackwork and licensed premises or stables in the Greater Sydney Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange) until further notice.
2. Owners are not permitted to attend trackwork and licensed premises or stables in the Greater Sydney Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange) until further notice.

3. Subject to the restrictions below, owners may attend barrier trials but not in restricted areas as designated by the club, to ensure proper separation from Essential Personnel.
4. Trainers in the Greater Sydney Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange) should ensure they continue to implement their COVIDSafe plans including the checking of staff temperatures on arrival and encourage staff to wear face masks at trackwork. Face masks must be worn by licensed Essential Personnel, Media and Officials at barrier trials conducted in the Greater Sydney Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange). Trainers should ensure they are fully aware of the conditions listed below in respect to requirements for staff to self-isolate, get tested and report contacts to Stewards.

**Essential Personnel – Working or Living in an affected LGA Area (currently City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside and Woollahra)**

1. Any Essential Personnel that live or work in an affected LGA Area (currently City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside and Woollahra) must wear a face mask at all times when in attendance at a racecourse or licensed premises including outside the Greater Sydney Area.

**Persons Travelling from Victoria**

Persons that have been to a Victorian Public Exposure Site during the relevant periods listed at the link below, are not permitted to attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises until they complete the necessary self-isolation period, provide Racing NSW with the results of a negative COVID-19 test and receive approval from Racing NSW to attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises. Persons who have attended these sites and plan on attending a NSW racecourse or licensed premises must report such attendance to Racing NSW Stewards.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites>

**Horses Travelling from Victoria**

The requirement for horses travelling from Victoria to not travel directly to a NSW racecourse or licensed premises has been lifted subject to the persons transporting such horses not having been to a Victorian Public Exposure Site as listed above.