



COVID-19 Update for Industry Participants

30 December 2020

Additional Positive COVID-19 Cases – Greater Sydney Area

Following the NSW Government today advising of additional COVID-19 positives in the Inner West and Wollongong region, Racing NSW has taken further expert advice in respect to upcoming race meetings. In accordance with that advice, and in addition to the protocols below released on 23 December 2020, the race meetings scheduled to be conducted at Canterbury 1 January 2021 and Randwick (Kensington) 2 January 2021 will be closed to the general public. Only Industry Essential Personnel and Officials, prebooked Members hospitality and Owners who have horses racing at these meetings will be permitted to attend. Any person attending a race meeting must declare they do not live in the Northern Beaches or have attended a location considered to be a COVID-19 hotspot or where persons are considered to be close contacts, casual contacts or told to monitor for symptoms.

The above protocols are in addition to the protocols released below on 23 December 2020, which still remain in force.

- In compliance with the NSW Public Health Order, any person living in the Northern Beaches of NSW or residing there between 10 December 2020 and 19 December 2020, must not attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises until further notice (*see notice below regarding Essential Personnel).
- Any person who has attended a venue or travelled on transport considered to be a close contact, casual contact or told to monitor for symptoms must not attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises until they have complied with the NSW Health Department orders and reported such contact to Racing NSW.
- Maintaining of jockey/official zones on raceday.
- Jockeys rooms to ensure that only one person per 4 square metres and jockeys separated by region.
- Mandatory face masks to be worn by all licensed Essential Personnel, Media and Officials at race meetings and barrier trials conducted in the Greater Sydney Area, including the Central Coast (Gosford/Wyong) and Wollongong (Kembla Grange).
- Strong recommendation that participants 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).

Northern Beaches

Racing NSW has continued to monitor the number of COVID-19 cases that have originated from the Northern Beaches cluster and has implemented protocols to ensure that participants abide by the NSW Government Health Orders, which currently require people who were residents of the Northern Beaches area at any time between **Thursday 10 December 2020** at 12.01am and **Saturday 19 December 2020** at 5.02pm to stay at home unless the person is,

1. shopping for food or other goods and services
2. travelling for work or education, where you cannot work or learn from home
3. exercising
4. getting medical care or supplies, or to fulfil carer's responsibilities.

The orders apply if persons were at a place of residence or temporary accommodation in the Northern Beaches local government area during that time and

- are still in the Northern Beaches area or
- left the Northern Beaches area before 5.02pm on 19 December 2020 and are now staying somewhere else.

Having taken expert advice Racing NSW has determined that it will consider specific applications from Essential Personnel who reside in the Southern Area of the Northern Beaches to attend racecourses for work purposes only. Applications must be made to Racing NSW Stewards and if approved will be subject stringent conditions including:

- An initial negative COVID-19 test and ongoing COVID-19 testing as requested by Stewards.
- Essential Personnel must only leave home for work and essential household, family or medical needs. This should be reserved for exceptional circumstances and only undertaken if these tasks cannot be performed by another member of the household.

Applications should be sent to steward@racingnsw.com.au. No person who resides in the Southern area of the Northern Beaches is permitted to attend a racecourse or licensed premises until permission is granted from Racing NSW in writing. Currently any person who resides in the Northern area of the Northern Beaches (as defined by the NSW Government) must not attend a racecourse or licensed premises until further notice.

Hospitals and Medical Centres

Racing NSW has considered expert advice in respect to restrictions placed upon persons who have attended or work at hospitals or medical centres.

Having considered that expert advice Racing NSW has determined the following:

- Any Essential Personnel that have attended a hospital or medical centre may attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises unless the visit occurred in a hotspot or area of known community transmission where active community transmission is occurring (eg: such as the Northern Beaches of NSW).

- Health care workers who work in a COVID risk hospital or clinical are still not permitted to attend a racecourse or licensed premises. Examples of a COVID risk premises include:
 - Any hospital or clinic where COVID-19 testing is performed (including general practice).
 - Any person who is involved with COVID testing.
 - Any person working on a COVID Ward, Respiratory ward, Intensive Care Unit, Ambulance Service or Emergency Department.
 - Contact with a known or suspected COVID patient.
- Health care workers who do not work in COVID risk hospitals or clinics may make application to Racing NSW for permission to attend racecourses or licensed premises. Applications should be sent to steward@racingnsw.com.au and each application being considered on its merits. If approved such approval will be subject stringent conditions including an initial COVID-19 negative test and ongoing COVID-19 testing as requested by Stewards.

For further information please contact Racing NSW Stewards and participants should monitor the NSW Health Department website for updated hotspot sites at the link below.

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