

The Pathway for Community Sport and Recreation – from October 29 2021

ACT's continued guiding principles

- Community health and wellbeing at forefront of decision making
- As many people back to work as soon as possible.
- Listen to the community and businesses about the impact of the public health measures.
- With strong community compliance and a stable public health situation, minor amendments to restrictions on 1 October.

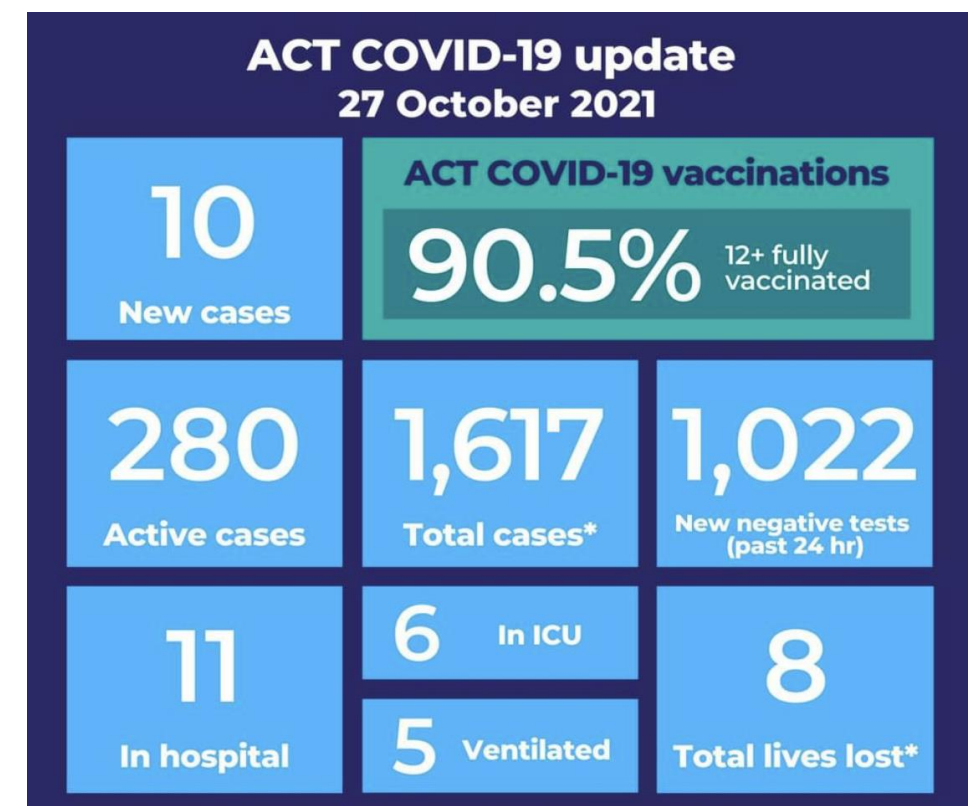
Our steps forward

Before we take each step ACT would consider:

- our vaccination rates;
- our health system capacity, including the impact of COVID-19 in regional NSW;
- case numbers and current trends
- testing rates and turnaround times;
- levels of community transmission;
- our ability to quickly test, trace, isolate and quarantine (TTIQ);
- how well the community and businesses are complying with the restrictions

Progress

- **Lockdown ended on 15 October 2021**
- **Greater cross-border movement allowances – extended “bubble” and free movement.**
- **Changes to retail settings bought forward, allowing essential and non-essential from 22 October**
- **Additional easing of restrictions effective from 29 October, including relevant to sport and recreation.**



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NOTE: More detail can be found in the Summary of Proposed Restrictions Table.



Additional easing from 29 October 2021

Return to community sport for training and competition

- **Informal Outdoor Gatherings** can take place outdoors with no more than 30 people (also applies to playgrounds, skate parks etc). No limit from 26/11.
- **Organised Events**
 - One person per two square metres for each outdoor space, up to 500 people, whichever is lesser (1000 at 26/11)
 - One person four square metres for each indoor space, up to 500 people, whichever is lesser (1000 at 26/11)Excludes staff and volunteers. Events must be ticketed or pre-registered. Check in CBR must be used. COVID Safety Plans required. Events greater than 300 people must submit their COVID Safety Plan to ACT Health for review. Exemptions required for 500+
- Continued **return to workplace** where it suits employees and employers, and in accordance with the Public Health Direction.
- For **Gyms, Health Clubs, Fitness Centres or Wellness Centres, Personal Training and Bootcamps**: 25 people across the venue before density limits apply (excluding staff). If more than 25 people, venues can apply density rules (indoor and outdoor) – outdoor to 300 max. Classes limited to 20 people (excluding instructor/s). No limit on class size from 26/11.
- **Dance and Martial Arts classes**- one person per four square metres up to 20 people per indoor space (excluding staff). No limit from 26/11.
- **Organised Sport**: 25 people across the venue before density limits apply (excluding staff)
 - If more than 25 people, venues can apply one person per four square metres within each indoor space
 - One person per two square metres within each outdoor space up to 500 people (1000 from 26/11)
- **Swimming Pools**: 25 people across the venue before density limits apply (excluding staff)
 - If more than 25 people, venues can apply one person per four square metres within each indoor space
 - One person per two square metres within each outdoor space up to 500 people (1000 from 26/11)
 - Limit of two swimmers per lane no longer required.
- **Nature Reserves and National Parks** are open – gathering limits (30) or restrictions relevant to outdoor Organised Sport apply.

Extra detail:

- **Excluding size limited classes (eg dance, gym, martial arts), all capacity limits include parent/carers/spectators.**
- **Face masks must be worn indoors when not undertaking vigorous exercise.**
- **Changerooms can open**
- **Indoor and outdoor “spaces” – eg an indoor venue could provide multiple separable spaces. Indoor space restrictions move to “two square metre” rule from 26/11**

Ongoing →



Maintain good hand hygiene



Keep your distance



Stay home if unwell and get tested



Check In for contact tracing



Monitor travel advice



Wear a face mask



Covid safe plan



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Education

- **From 1 November 2021** students from all year levels return to on campus learning.
- Out of School Hours care available to all students
- Return parameters are subject to *the Health Guidelines for Schools and Early Childhood Education Services*.
 - Phase C (from 29 October to 25 November) will support community access to school facilities (external out of hours) and allow extra-curricular sporting activities such as school-based teams in community competitions.



NOTE

- **External community access to school facilities permitted from 29 October however ACT Govt schools will be ready to implement from 8 November.**

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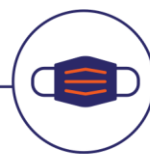
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Cross border & Travel

- Current - Extended “border bubble” with scope to enter/exit ACT for sport (and any other reasons)
- Participation in NSW (or other jurisdiction) will continue to require compliance with jurisdictional restrictions – in NSW this includes double vax (16 and over) for indoor/outdoor activities, gyms and venues (including pools)
- NSW and Victoria no longer declared COVID-19 affected areas. Travel restrictions lifted from 1 November, including to Greater Sydney and Victoria (permits may still be required).
- Vaccinated travellers can enter ACT for any reason with no need to quarantine. Unvaccinated travellers for essential reasons only – quarantine and testing may be required.
- Continued advice to check restrictions prior to travel – “risk-based approach”.
- Restrictions may continue to apply for designated “hot spot” locations.



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Vaccination

- There is no “No Vax, No Play” requirement in the ACT.
- There is scope for certain sectors to have a mandatory status applied (by the CHO) – eg aged care, teachers. The ACT Government will not be making a vax mandate for sport and recreation.
- Businesses, including sport and recreation, can choose to make vaccination a condition of entry/participation subject to a risk-based assessment. www.act.gov.au/business/keeping-your-business-covid-safe/vaccination-status-guidance-for-business
- In considering this option, business/organisations are encouraged to seek their own legal advice

VACCINATION, EVEN WHERE MANDATORY, WILL NOT NEGATE OR REMOVE THE ONGOING NEED FOR COVID-SAFE PRACTICES IN OUR ACTIVITY SETTINGS.



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