

Club Forster & Sporties Tuncurry
NSW Public Health Order – Guide for Members, Guests and Staff

The information in this guide has been extracted from ClubsNSW applying from the first Covid-19 Vaccination milestone (Roadmap to Freedom) commencing on Monday 18th October, 2021.

Q1:	Are unvaccinated patrons and/or off-duty staff able to enter Club Forster or Sporties Tuncurry (The Clubs) from 11 th October, 2021?
A:	No. Patrons need to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination evidence on entry. Club staff only need one (1) vaccination to work from 11 th October, 2021. The second vaccination is required to be administered by 1 st November, 2021. However, after 1 st December, 2021 unvaccinated persons subcontractors, suppliers etc will be able to visit the Club.
Q2:	What are the alternatives to being fully vaccinated?
A:	A person who is not fully vaccinated may enter a club if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are medically exempt and carry a medical contraindication certificate; or • Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 6 months; or • Are under the age of 16 and accompanied by a fully vaccinated household member; or • Are only on the premises to purchase takeaway; or • Are an employee of a club outside Greater Sydney and have received one dose and have a booking for a second dose.
Q3:	How can a person demonstrate their vaccination status?
A:	Valid forms of evidence are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A COVID-19 digital certificate, and • An immunisation history statement. People may access these documents through the Medicare Express Plus mobile app or with a Medicare online account (through myGov). A person who cannot access these technologies can call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 and ask them to send a statement to them. It can take up to 14 days to arrive in the post. Patrons may also use their Apple Digital Wallet or Google Pay to show their vaccination certificate. It should be noted that these forms of evidence are easier to falsify than the Medicare Express Plus mobile app.
Q4:	Who do the vaccination requirements apply to?
A:	Anyone who enters the club premises is required to be fully vaccinated or exempt (see above for the “alternatives” to being fully vaccinated). These requirements therefore apply to staff, volunteers, patrons, directors,

	<p>suppliers, entertainers, cleaners, contract caterers as well as maintenance or repair workers.</p> <p>A person does not need to comply with these requirements if they are only on the premises to purchase takeaway or if they are on the premises to assist vulnerable members of the public.</p> <p>Similarly, it is likely that a person delivering goods or supplies does not need to comply if they exchange or drop off the supplies in an outdoor area without entering the premises.</p>
Q5:	Can a club exclude a person who does not comply with the vaccination requirement?
A:	<p>If a patron is not fully vaccinated or exempt, the club is obligated to refuse entry. Similarly, if a patron declines to provide any evidence that they are fully vaccinated or exempt, the club has the power to turn away the person. Given the requirement for clubs to take reasonable steps to ensure vaccination compliance, clubs have the power to seek information on a patron's vaccination status as a condition of entry.</p> <p>Clubs are similarly required to seek the vaccination details of other parties such as cleaners, entertainers or directors, and turn away any person who is non-compliant (either because they are not fully vaccinated or exempt, or because they refuse to provide information).</p> <p>Any person who breaches the vaccination requirements or uses fraudulent evidence of vaccination or check in may receive an on-the-spot fine of \$1,000. Clubs retain their existing powers under common law and the <i>Liquor Act</i> to turn away any patron, including those who are argumentative or quarrelsome. Management will be encouraged to contact Forster Police on 6555 1299 if necessary.</p>
Q6:	How can a person demonstrate they are medically exempt or have been diagnosed with Covid-19?
A:	<p>A person can only provide evidence of a medical exemption by presenting a "medical contraindication certificate" certified by a registered medical practitioner. The contraindication certificate must be in the approved form. Clubs cannot accept contraindication certificates which are not in the approved form. For instance, a letter from a general practitioner is not sufficient.</p> <p>The contraindication certificate also includes a section where a practitioner can certify if a person has had COVID-19 in the past six months. This is because the relevant authorities have advised that people who have had COVID-19 in the past six months have a reduced risk of infection and transmission.</p>
Q7:	Is there a limit on the size of groups and bookings?
A:	From 18 October, clubs are required to limit group sizes and bookings to 20 people.

	This includes functions like weddings, funerals, wakes, birthday celebrations and other events.
Q8:	Can a club ask employees if they are vaccinated?
A:	<p>The public health order obligates clubs to take “reasonable steps” to ensure people entering the club premises are fully vaccinated or otherwise comply. It also requires clubs to ask employees for evidence they are vaccinated.</p> <p>To ensure that clubs can roster fully vaccinated staff, clubs may wish to verify this information in advance, which will require clubs to collect and hold the information.</p> <p>Our Clubs are subject to the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> and therefore must collect and handle the information in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles. Among these Principles are requirements to obtain consent and give employees a privacy collection notice.</p>
Q9:	Who is required to wear a mask at the club?
A:	<p>Every person in an indoor area of the club must wear a mask which fits securely around their nose and mouth. Only club employees are required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of the premises. Masks may be removed to eat or drink.</p> <p>Some people are exempt from wearing a mask if they have a condition, illness or disability such as autism or trauma. People who are exempt must carry evidence including a certificate from a practitioner or NDIS provider, or a statutory declaration. From 1st December, patrons will not be required to wear masks indoors or outdoors. Front of house staff will still need to wear masks.</p>
Q10:	What are the rules and capacity limits for weddings, funeral and wakes?
A:	In addition to the density limits described earlier, weddings, funerals and wakes are no longer capped from the 18 October.
Q11:	What are the rules regarding singing and dancing?
A:	<p>From Monday 18 October, dancing is permitted indoors & outdoors. However, clubs must ensure that patrons do not sing indoors.</p> <p>Performers are allowed to sing and dance indoors and outdoors.</p>
Q12:	What are the rules and capacity regarding entertainment events in the Club’s Auditorium?
A:	<p>Entertainment events are capped at 75 per cent which in our case is approximately 450 persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to the event is by way of a ticket, and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All persons in the section of the club dedicated to the entertainment even, other than persons engaged in work, are assigned to specific seats. <p>Entertainment events not meeting the above conditions are capped at one attendee per four square metres.</p> <p>All attendees at entertainment events must wear masks if indoors and be fully vaccinated or otherwise compliant (see above).</p>
Q13:	What are the rules about courtesy buses?
A:	Courtesy buses will be permitted to operate for fully vaccinated adults. A mask must be worn at all times whilst inside the vehicle and patrons must carry identification and proof of vaccination.
Q14:	Are patrons able to drink whilst standing?
A:	From Monday 18 October, patrons are able to drink whilst standing.
Q15:	How are clubs required to sign in patrons?
A:	<p>The sign-in and check-in rules from 11 October are mostly the same as those which applied before lockdown, with the difference that patrons purchasing takeaway must now also check in.</p> <p>This means that clubs must display the Service NSW QR code to give people an opportunity to check in using their phone or other device. Clubs may manually check in people who cannot use the QR code by recording their name and contact details (i.e. phone number or email). Clubs that record a person's details manually must keep the information for four weeks and send it to NSW Health on their request.</p> <p>However, clubs must still require people to become members if they reside within 5km of the club.</p>
Q16:	Where can I find further information?
A:	For further information you are encouraged to contact management on 6591 6591 or email enquiries@clubforster.com.au at your convenience. Otherwise, keep safe and well!