



Media Release

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Conditional Entry to Council Buildings

As NSW takes its first steps towards reopening with the first vaccination milestone being reached, that being 70% double vaccination. The NSW Government is also easing a number of restrictions as part of the Reopening NSW roadmap, which will allow fully vaccinated adults to enjoy more freedoms from next Monday, October 11.

As part of the reopening for business in NSW, persons aged 16 and over will only be permitted to enter certain venues or settings if they are fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption. In some venues, children under 16 will have to be accompanied by a fully vaccinated member of their household to enter. Regional residents may enter with only their first vaccination.

These measures are required to keep business, employees and community COVID safe.

In line with the NSW State Government Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021 of 3 October 2021, Tenterfield Shire Council will be taking reasonable measures to assess people's vaccination status when they are entering Council premises from Monday 11 October 2021. Council staff will be checking Service NSW QR codes and vaccination status upon entry. Only valid forms of evidence of vaccination will be accepted, being Medicare Certificates of Vaccination in either hard copy (print form) or on mobile devices (phones, tablets or I-pads).

As detailed in the Public Health Order, penalties may apply for individuals and businesses who don't comply. On-the-spot fines of \$1,000 may apply to individuals for not complying, or for using fraudulent evidence of vaccination or check-in. On-the-spot fines of \$5,000 may apply to businesses for not complying with the Public Health Order vaccination requirements. Further penalties may apply for significant breaches.

Tenterfield Shire Council appreciates the community's understanding and cooperation at this time. Current COVID restrictions apply when entering any Council building including wearing face masks, social distancing and sign in via the Service NSW App.

Tenterfield Library wish to advise that their "Click and Collect" service will be available for Library users who are not vaccinated, or able to demonstrate their vaccination status.

Further information or enquires can be directed to Council by Phone: (02) 6736 600; Email: council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au or on our Website www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/

The NSW Government Legislated Health Orders are available at https://gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au/so/download.w3p?id=Gazette_2021_2021-505.pdf