

## RESTAURANT & CATERING AUSTRALIA NEW BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS FACT SHEET UPDATED 23 MARCH 2020

### *Background:*

On Wednesday 18 March, the National Cabinet has today announced a ban on indoor gatherings of more than 100 people, in addition to the Federal Government's announcement of bans on outdoor gatherings of more than 500 people.

On Friday 20 March, a further requirement was introduced stating that **"In a given occupied space, there must be no more than one person per four square metres of ground space."** This new rule has come into effect **Nationally**.

On Sunday 22 March, the Prime Minister Made a further announcement that the National Cabinet have agreed to move to more widespread restrictions on social gatherings that restrict Restaurants and cafes to takeaway and/or home delivery.

Premiers and Chief Ministers agreed to implement, through state and territory laws, new Stage 1 restrictions on social gatherings, to be reviewed on a monthly basis.

### *Key Facts:*

- 1. Restaurants and Cafes are limited to Takeaway and Delivery ONLY from midday today.*
- 2. Businesses are able to have customers enter the premises to order takeaway food but cannot serve food in their premises at all (including in takeaway containers). For Example no takeaway cups whilst sitting at tables.*
- 3. We would recommend that they remove all tables and chairs in the venues other than what is required to allow people to wait for food (please ensure they comply with 1 person per 4sqm rule and social distancing).*
- 4. No new permits or licences are required to allow a business to start serving takeaway other than adhering to pre-existing food handling legislation at a state level.*
- 5. If a business does consider introducing delivery, check our fact sheet on the Hub.*

## **New Restrictions on Places of social gathering**

National Cabinet on Sunday agreed to move to more widespread restrictions on social gatherings.

Australians should expect these measures to be in place for at least 6 months.

The following facilities will be restricted from opening from midday local time 23 March 2020:

- Pubs, registered and licenced clubs (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues), hotels (excluding accommodation)
- Gyms and indoor sporting venues
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs
- Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery
- Religious gatherings, places of worship or funerals (in enclosed spaces and other than very small groups and where the 1 person per 4 square metre rule applies).
- Isolated remote community hubs are not included in these restrictions.

Other facilities are not impacted, but will be considered under stage 2 restrictions, if necessary.

These measures also apply to outdoor spaces associated with the above venues.

Leaders noted that these enhanced measures build on existing measures to slow the virus and save lives:

- No non-essential gatherings of more than 500 people outside or more than 100 people inside.
- All non-essential indoor gatherings of less than 100 people must have no more than one person per 4sqm. All Australians should expect their local businesses to be following this rule.
- Where possible, keep 1.5 metres between yourself and others
- Avoid non essential travel

State Premiers and Chief Ministers agreed they would give effect to these restrictions through their own legislative processes and make announcements accordingly.

Premiers and Chief Ministers will consider further Stage 2 restrictions if social distancing measures are not adhered to.