

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Salt Church
275 Keira Street, Wollongong

This COVID-19 Safety Plan has been prepared in line with NSW Health Guidelines and it relates to 275 Keira Street Wollongong ('the building').

General Safe Health Guidelines

In line with NSW Health Guidelines, we ask anyone (adult or child) who is unwell or displaying possible COVID symptoms not to come to the building, but to remain at home and make use of our livestream. We will also continue to stream our gathering for those who may be part of a high-risk demographic, and for those who do not feel comfortable regathering in person yet. Our livestream gatherings can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/saltchurch

General Statement on Use of the Building

All gatherings and events in the building are open to vaccinated and unvaccinated people. No attendees will be required to present proof of vaccination status when entering or using the building. All people are welcome to fellowship with us. Users of the building will be required, though, to follow a number of COVID-19 safe practices that we have implemented to keep members and visitors safe, and to reduce the risk of transmission. Those practices and requirements are set out in the rest of this Safety Plan.

Capacity Limits

There are no NSW Health Covid-related density or capacity limits for our building, so instead we will follow the Council's fire-safety maximum numbers that our building is registered for.

Next Gen: A ministry leader will monitor room numbers and redistribute children to another space if overcrowding occurs.

Cleaning

We will clean frequently used areas prior to each gathering or event. Hand sanitiser will be provided at the door and near any food we serve. We will ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels. Disinfectant solutions will be maintained at an appropriate strength and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Staff and volunteers will wash hands before and after cleaning, with soap and water.

Next Gen: All rooms have hand sanitiser available. All leaders and participants will be encouraged to clean their hands at the start/end of the program and before/after eating.

Food and Drink

When we serve food (snacks or meals) and drinks we will ensure it is delivered safely by: having hand sanitiser accessible near all food and drink areas, serving snack food in individual portions where appropriate, and organising designated people to serve meals rather than self-service where appropriate.

Next Gen: Parents and carers are encouraged to bring a labeled snack and water bottle for their child, with allergy friendly snacks where necessary. Where food is provided by Salt, we will serve it in individual serving portions where appropriate, and discourage children from sharing food.

Masks

We will have masks available free of charge for those who wish to wear one.

Next Gen: We will make face masks available for any children who wish to wear a face mask.

Staff

Staff have been provided with information and training on COVID-19, including when to get tested, current restrictions, cleaning and safety requirements, and use of the Service NSW App. This has been communicated to staff through emails and ongoing staff meetings. Staff are aware of their leave entitlements if they are sick or are required to self-isolate.

Ventilation

We have improved ventilation and air-circulation in the building by installing new fans.

Vaccination

We realise vaccination is a complex issue and may raise concerns for us. We encourage everyone to make a prayerful decision about vaccination that is appropriate for them and their situation, with input from medical practitioners and trusted Christian brothers and sisters. There is diversity in our church family on this matter, but we are still united in Christ.

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If you have any questions or concerns about anything in this COVID-19 Safety Plan, please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or any of our staff to talk more.

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