

COVID-19 Update 20 March 2020

New Government Requirements for Indoor Gatherings

Prime minister, Scott Morrison has just announced new social distancing requirements for indoor gatherings - For gatherings of fewer than 100 people in an enclosed space, the Government is now recommending four square metres per person.

[ABC News reports](#) Scott Morrison said "What we are now moving to is an arrangement for gatherings of less than 100, is that they would be four square metres provided per person in an enclosed space, in a room. So that's 2m by 2m. So, for example, if you've got a room, if you've got a premise, if you've got a meeting room or something like that, that's 100 square metres, then you can have 25 people in that room."

Please make sure that if you do hold any gatherings, you apply social distancing and hygiene practices as recommended by the Australian Government:

- No more than 1 person per 4 square metres of space
- maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between attendees
- Hand hygiene products and suitable waste receptacles need to be available, with frequent cleaning and waste disposal

The pre-existing bans restricting indoor gatherings of over 100 people and mass outdoor gatherings to 500 people will remain in place.