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## **FURTHER URGENT COVID-19 UPDATE PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19 TEMPORARY MOVEMENT AND GATHERING RESTRICTIONS) AMENDMENT (No.6) ORDER 2021**

Members were advised earlier today that the NSW State Government had issued an updated Health Order which becomes effective from 12.01am tomorrow (14 July 2021).

Members are now advised that an Amendment has subsequently been issued to give “affected persons” time to undertake COVID-19 surveillance testing.

As a result, the NSW State Minister for Health, has issued an **Exemption Order** which is below.

In summary the Exemption Order provides as follows.

If a person lives or is staying in temporary accommodation in the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) and travels to other suburbs to perform essential work eg. construction work, from this **Saturday 17 July 2021**, they will need to have a COVID-19 surveillance test every three days.

Further to the above, the Exemption Order also provides that if a worker whose place of residence is in the Greater Sydney area, or who is staying in temporary accommodation in the Greater Sydney area, and is required to travel more than 50km outside the Greater Sydney area, that worker must, from **Monday 19 July 2021**, have a COVID-19 surveillance test every seven days.

We remind Members that “**affected persons**” required to undertake surveillance testing need **not** self-isolate unless they return a positive test result.



**Exemption under the *Public Health (COVID-19 Temporary Movement and Gathering Restrictions) Order 2021* under the *Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)***

I, Brad Hazzard, Minister for Health and Medical Research, under clause 25 of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Temporary Movement and Gathering Restrictions) Order 2021* (Order), hereby grant the following exemptions to that Order:

- 1) Clause 24B of the Order does not apply to an affected worker, or the employer of an affected worker, until the beginning of 17 July 2021 provided that the worker takes reasonable steps to be tested prior to 17 July 2021, and
- 2) Clause 24C of the Order does not apply to a Greater Sydney Worker, or the employer of a Greater Sydney Worker, until the beginning of 19 July 2021 provided that the worker takes reasonable steps to be tested prior to 19 July 2021.

In this exemption:

- Affected worker has the same meaning as the Order
- Greater Sydney worker has the same meaning as the Order

This exemption is repealed on 19 July 2021.

Note as a result of this exemption:

- An affected worker can continue to work outside of the Fairfield local government area between 14-16 July 2021 even if the worker is not tested for COVID-19 however the worker must take reasonable steps to be tested for COVID-19 during that time.
- A Greater Sydney worker can continue to work outside of Greater Sydney between 14-18 July 2021 even if the worker is not tested for COVID-19 however the worker must take reasonable steps to be tested for COVID-19 during that time.

**Brad Hazzard MP**  
**Minister for Health and Medical Research**

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

3.16pm.