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NEW FREEDOMS FOR VACCINATED FIRST STEP ON STATE ROADMAP OUT OF COVID

People across NSW who have received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine will be allowed more freedoms next month after NSW hit the target of six million jabs.

This is the first step in the roadmap and further freedoms will follow for those who have had the jab when the state hits new vaccination targets of 70 and 80 per cent.

Following consultation with Dr Kerry Chant and her team, as well as the NSW Chief Psychiatrist Dr Murray Wright, the following individual freedoms will be allowed for adults who have received **both doses** of the COVID-19 vaccine.

From 12.01am, Monday, 13 September:

- For those who live **outside the LGAs of concern**, outdoor gatherings of up to five people (including children, all adults must be vaccinated) will be allowed in a person's LGA or within 5km of home.
- For those who live **in the LGAs of concern** households with all adults vaccinated will be able to gather outdoors for recreation (including picnics) within the existing rules (for one hour only, outside curfew hours and within 5km of home). This is in addition to the one hour allowed for exercise.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian thanked the millions of people across NSW who came forward to receive their vaccine, helping hit the six million doses target.

"We are so grateful for every person who comes forward to get vaccinated because the more jabs we get into arms, the sooner we can lift restrictions," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We appreciate the community's patience in the lead up to 13 September, this additional time will allow the recent surge of vaccines to take effect."

As part of the roadmap when the following targets are hit, freedoms will be as follows:

- 70 per cent full vaccination: a range of family, industry, community and economic restrictions to be lifted **for those who are vaccinated**.
- 80 per cent full vaccination: further easing of restrictions on industry, community and the economy.

The government is also investigating trials of certain industries in coming months, as a proof-of-concept measure to prepare the businesses to open up and operate in a COVID-safe way.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said this roadmap is our path to freedom and is our biggest incentive yet to get vaccinated so we can return to a level of normality.

“The roadmap announced today outlines a clear pathway forward in which a range of family, industry, community and economic restrictions will be lifted for those that are fully vaccinated when NSW hits 70 per cent,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Having a meal with loved ones, or having a drink with friends is just around the corner, but to get there, we need to keep up momentum in the vaccination rollout.”

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said two doses of the vaccine not only helps protect people from hospitalisation and death, but also helps reduce transmission.

“Two vaccine doses leads to around a 90 per cent overall reduction in transmission of the virus,” Mr Hazzard.

If you are not booked in for a COVID-19 vaccine, please [book an appointment](#) as soon possible.

There are several options to receive your ‘proof of COVID-19 vaccination’:

- Download your COVID-19 digital certificate via the [Express Plus Medicare](#) mobile app or your [Medicare online account](#) through myGov.
 - You can add your COVID-19 digital certificate to your Apple Wallet or Google Pay.
 - Instructions are available on the [Services Australia website](#).
- If you can’t get proof online, your vaccination provider can print your immunisation history statement for you.
- Call the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) on 1800 653 809 (Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm) and ask for your statement to be sent to you. It can take up to 14 days to arrive in the post.
- If you’re not eligible for Medicare you can call the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) and request your certificate be mailed to you or add your COVID-19 certificate to your digital wallet using the Individual Healthcare Identifiers service (IHI service) through [myGov](#).

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