



**NEW SOUTH WALES
COURT SECURITY ACT 2005
– Section 7(1) (b)**

ORDER

In accordance with the provisions of Section 7(1) of the Court Security Act 2005 and in recognition of the current government directives intended to reduce exposure to COVID-19 it is necessary to secure the order and safety of court premises.

ACCORDINGLY I ORDER that members of the public who do not have a legitimate reason associated with a particular matter listed before the Local Court of New South Wales or in relation to the exercise of the jurisdiction of the Local Court not be admitted to any part of Local Court premises. In the case of defendants facing sentence or Persons in need of Protection in relation to a domestic or personal violence proceeding, up to two support persons are permitted to be present in the court building.

In the case of a defendant who is suffering from a mental health or cognitive impairment condition and is accompanied by their legal representative up to 2 support persons are permitted to be present in the court building provided the legal representative satisfies the Sheriff's officer that there is a genuine need for the attendance of the support person(s).

In relation to victims of crime required to give evidence, 1 support person is permitted to be present in the court building with the victim.

All persons attending, including a support person, are required to maintain appropriate adherence to social distancing requirements.

To ensure the safety of all, entrants must wear a fitted face covering or mask as a condition of entry to Local Court premises. Any entrant relying on an exemption pursuant to Clause 17(2) of the Public Health order must provide evidence of such physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, that makes wearing a fitted face covering unsuitable. The simple assertion of an exemption will not suffice. Where the exemption sought is based on medical grounds, written support from a medical or other relevant practitioner, or the relevant statutory declaration specifying the physical or mental illness or condition, will be required.

This Order will remain in effect on and from today to Monday 25 October 2021 at 5.00pm. The Order may be extended in accordance with Section 7(1B) of the Act if the circumstances in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to make it necessary to secure order and safety within court premises.

DATED AT SYDNEY THIS 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.


Judge Peter Johnstone
Chief Magistrate

